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A LONG TOW.

Steamer and Barge Start From New York With Oil For California.

(Associated Press.)

New York, Dec. 16.—For the first time in marine history, the task of towing a laden barge 15,000 miles from New York to the California coast was begun to-day. Both the barge and the towing steamer, the Standard Oil Company's tank steamship Atlas, will carry cargoes of oil. The cargo of the Atlas will be used as fuel on the voyage. It is expected that the trip will occupy from 70 to 80 days.

It is the intention to avoid doubling Cape Horn by going through the Straits of Magellan. The success with which the company has met in towing barges from the Gulf of Mexico to New York led consideration of the project which began to-day. In event of success, it is said the service will be extended to various European points.

OIL REDUCED.

(Associated Press.)

Pittsburg, Dec. 16.—The Standard Oil Company to-day reduced the price of crude oil five cents.

THE JAPANESE BUDGET.

How the Deficit Is to Be Met—Retrenchment in Administration.

(Associated Press.)

Tokio, Dec. 16.—The budget committee of the House of Representatives completed its labors to-day, and the measure will finally be submitted to the House to-morrow.

The war budget has not been changed, but the ordinary budget estimates are reduced $7,000,000 by lowering the land tax. The taxes on beet sugar imports and transit dues are increased $3,000,000. The government has promised additional retrenchment in the administration to the amount of $800,000, leaving a deficit under the estimates of about $5,000,000. The government is authorized to meet this by transfers of special funds and other methods.

All the parties worked jointly and harmoniously. The only friction was over the proposition to increase the land tax and decreasing the administrative expenses.

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ARRIVALS FROM BESIEGED FORTRESS

REACHED CHEFOO IN OPEN SAILBOAT

Brisk Cannonade is in Progress Along Centre of Russian Lines South of Mukden.

(Associated Press.)

Chefoo, Dec. 16.—5 p.m.—Seven Russians in civilian garb, but a military training obvious in their bearing, arrived to-day in open sail boat carrying dispatches. They were unwilling to talk, and went immediately to the Russian consulate. A high wind enabled them to make a quick passage from Port Arthur.

THE LINE OF MAIN DEFENCES UNBROKEN.

Mukden, Dec. 15.—Late dispatches received at headquarters from Port Arthur, by way of Chefoo, declare that the situation there is by no means as desperate as it is reported by foreign newspaper dispatches. The line of main defence there is unbroken, and there is plenty of ammunition and food.

The Russian headquarters at Mukden are splendidly constructed, and are even furnished with bathrooms. The stories printed abroad, picturing the army as cold and hungry, are without foundation. Food is abundant and excellent in quality. During the early fall there was considerable distress among the troops, caused by lack of overcoats and boots. All that is now changed. Over 200,000 fur coats, 200,000 pairs of heavy trousers and plenty of warm clothing for the hands and feet have arrived and been distributed, so that it is possible for all to be supplied. Troops arriving from Europe are supplied with warm clothing.

OYAMA WAITING FOR FALL OF FORTRESS.

Berlin, Dec. 15.—"Field Marshal Oyama is wise to refrain from renewing operations until after the fall of Port Arthur," said Major-General Meckel, the German strategist who taught the tactics they are now employing in Manchuria.

"The destruction of the fleet at Port Arthur," continued the general, "has accomplished only half of the first great object of the Japanese war plans. Only when the fortress itself has been captured will the whole object be realized.

"Oyama's army is merely a shield for Nogi's besieging operations. It is altogether unlikely that he will attack Kouropatkin until the fall of the fortress permits Nogi's men to join the field army. On the other hand the Russians have a very vital interest in attacking Oyama before the fall of Port Arthur in order to relieve the garrison there. It is perfectly obvious, however, that Kouropatkin feels himself too weak to take the offensive, notwithstanding his numerical superiority, which is not less than 100,000.

"I see nothing to justify the hope that the Russians are on the threshold of military victories. The Japanese will not permit winter to hinder them from renewing the offensive when they think the proper time has come."

KAULBARS CONFERS WITH KOUROPATKIN.

Mukden, Dec. 16.—Upon the arrival of General Kaulbars, commander of the third army here, to-day from Harbin, he was received by a guard of honor, headed by a band of music and by Generals Sakharoff and Bilderling. He made a brief speech, conveying the Emperor's greetings. Gen. Kaulbars then continued his journey to Kouropatkin's headquarters, where he had a conference with Kouropatkin.

A brisk cannonade is progressing along the centre.

The Japanese are supplying the Chinese troops in the neighborhood of Sinmantin (about 30 miles west of Mukden) with artillery. They have already delivered 80 Krupp guns.

RAISULI'S RAID.

Notorious Brigand Chief Attacked a Caravan in Town of Tangier.

(Associated Press.)

Tangier, Morocco, Dec. 16.—Raisuli, the notorious chief who captured Ion Perdicaris, an American citizen, and his stepson, Cromwell Varley, a British subject, in May last, boldly raided a caravan within the town of Tangier to-day. The chief previously attacked another caravan five miles outside of Tangier and took eleven prisoners and a number of mules. He then came into Tangier and repeated his exploit. In the latter case he released his prisoners as the men he was seeking were not among them.

HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIP.

Quebec and Wanderers' Clubs Will Play Game in New York.

(Associated Press.)

New York, Dec. 16.—To decide the international hockey championship, says the Tribune, a game between the Quebec hockey club, the champions of Canada, and the Wanderers' hockey club, champions of the United States, will be played at the St. Nicholas rink here on December 23rd. This will be the first appearance of the Quebec men in the United States.

FINANCIER'S WEALTH.

William L. Elkins Left an Estate Worth More Than Thirty-two Million Dollars.

(Associated Press.)

Philadelphia, Dec. 16.—William L. Elkins, the street railway and gas operator and financier, who died in November, 1903, left an estate worth $31,578,268, according to figures obtained from the first account of the executors, whose fees amount to $931,382.

BEFORE PRIVY COUNCIL.

Appeal in the Case of Greene and Gaynor Now Being Heard.

(Associated Press.)

London, Dec. 16.—The appeal of the United States against the decision of the justice of the crown at Quebec in the case of Greene and Gaynor, came up before the privy council to-day. Sir Edward Clarke, K. C., who with Donald Macmaster, K. C., of Montreal, opened the case, reciting the well-known facts.

PREMIER'S REQUEST REFUSED.

M. Tisza Declares He Will Appeal to the Country.

(Associated Press.)

Budapest, Hungary, Dec. 16.—At to-day's session of the Lower House of parliament, Premier Tisza announced that unless the House organized within three days, as required by the standing orders, he would be obliged to dissolve parliament, as he desired to appeal to the electors to ascertain whether or not they approved of his course. The premier asked the House to grant him a bill of indemnity for a brief period, so that he might issue writs for the new elections. He added that even if the opposition party resisted his request the elections would be held all the same.

Francis Kossuth, for the opposition, declared there would be no difficulty in granting the bill of indemnity to a government which respected the law, but they could not concede it to the Tisza cabinet.

BOTH DAMAGED.

The Ancona and Neck In Collision at Port Townsend.

(Special to the Times.)

Port Townsend, Wash., Dec. 15.—The British four-masted barques Ancona and the German three-masted barque Neck collided in the bay last night during the gale blowing at that time, the Neck bearing down on the Ancona, striking on the Neck's port side thirty feet aft of the bow. The bowsprit of the Ancona played havoc with the regging of the other, demolishing the foremast and mainmast, guys and tackle. The Ancona broke her bowsprit and about thirty feet of the foretop mast. The tug Wanderer worked three hours before the vessels got clear. A survey will be made by Lloyd's.

CARNEGIE'S GIFT.

More Than Half a Million Dollars for Boston Institution for Industrial Training.

(Associated Press.)

New York, Dec. 16.—The announcement was made last night, says the Herald, that Andrew Carnegie had given to the city of Boston the sum of $540,000 and had become the joint founder with Benjamin Franklin of an institution for industrial training. Benjamin Franklin in his will left to the city of Boston the sum of $50,000 which was to be invested and kept intact for a century, at the end of which time it was to be used for the benefit of apprentices of the city. This fund now amounts to $270,000, and Mr. Carnegie has agreed to give twice as much as the sum to which the Franklin fund has amounted and also guarantees the income on $270,000 for the support of the institution.

BROTHERS DROWNED.

Two Young Men Perished in Rapids—The Crops in Manitoba.

Valleyfield, Que., Dec. 15.—A double drowning accident occurred to-day in the rapids here just below the Canada Atlantic bridge. The victims were Pierre and Alexander Lecompte, aged 19 and 20, who were engaged in drawing wood in a scow from Isle Aux Pommettes. They were crossing, as they had often done before, but unfortunately this time they had on too heavy a load to handle the scow properly, owing to the quantity of flow ice. They saw to their horror that the scow was filling with water. They were obliged to remain in their places and struggle against the current in an effort to escape being drawn down the rapids. Before they could reach shore the icy water had done its work. Both became so benumbed that they were unable to row. Two young men, Charles and Bid Lavalle, who went to their rescue, only got near enough to see them embrace each other as their boat went to the bottom.

Accidentally Shot.

Woodbridge, Ont., Dec. 15.—Leonard Wallace, son of the late Hon. N. Clarke Wallace, was accidentally shot while rabbit hunting yesterday, in company with W. Reid. The latter's glove caught in the hammer of his gun causing its discharge, the contents lodging in Wallace's side. An operation was performed on Wallace in the Toronto hospital to remove the shot from the liver, but his recovery is doubtful.

Manitoba Crops.

Winnipeg, Dec. 15.—The provincial government department of agriculture to-day issued its final report on crops of 1904. The report shows that the total yield of all grains to be 86,677,161 bushels, as compared with 82,576,519 last year, an increase of 4,100,642 bushels. The total amount of wheat acreage was 2,412,235, which shows an average yield of 16.52 bushels, and gives a total yield of 39,162,458 bushels. The barley crop this year was raised on 661,004 acres, with an average yield of 30.54, and total yield of 11,177,970 bushels. Flax was seeded in 35,428 acres, the average yield was 13.1, and total yield 464,106.

Bye-Elections.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 15.—The Liberals carried five of the bye-elections to the legislature to-day, as follows: Pictou, McDonald, 100; Richmond, Bissett, 350; Cape Breton, Kendall, 2,000; Cumberland, Paul, 500; Colchester, Laurence, 150.

Not Allowed to Retire.

Lindsay, Ont., Dec. 15.—The executive of Victoria County Conservative Association have declined to allow Colonel Hughes, M. P., to retire in favor of R. L. Borden.

Brigadier-General Samuel M. Whiteside, retired, who had command of the department of Santiago during the Spanish war, died suddenly in Washington, D. C., on Thursday.

ALL THE EVIDENCE HAS BEEN HEARD

REPORT WILL NOW GO FORWARD TO OTTAWA

Counsel on Both Sides Delivered Addresses Before Commission Inquiring Into Pilotage Affairs.

The investigation into the charges against E. Crow Baker, secretary of the pilotage commission, was completed this morning before Commissioner Elliott. There will be no further sitting. As soon as the report can be prepared by Mr. Elliott it will be forwarded to Ottawa.

E. Crow Baker, upon the opening this morning, was still in the witness stand.

Re-examined by E. V. Bodwell, K.C., witness said that Capt. Gaudin made an examination of the office each year. It could not be called a detailed audit. Mr. Stumbles was brought to the office of witness by Capt. Gaudin. He was described as the auditor of the department who was to make a thorough examination into affairs. This was done and a certificate given by Mr. Stumbles.

J. Martin, K.C., referring to the minutes, called attention to the fact that on January 8th, 1894, the balance was ordered to be carried over. On the 5th of November, 1895, this division appeared to have been made.

Witness explained that this sum was carried over for two years as the board wished to have some sum on hand.

A. B. Fraser, sr., was the next witness. He had been on the board since 1901. Since he went on the board there had been nothing officially done by the board with reference to this matter. Before he went on the board he had heard something of it from Capt. Buckham. Mr. Kingham also mentioned it. The latter had met witness before his appointment and congratulated him. Witness said he had not been appointed yet. Mr. Kingham gave him to understand that he had been instrumental in recommending him to Mr. Drury. Mr. Kingham went into this subject at some length. Mr. Kingham said that he did not thing that Mr. Baker should be secretary as he was a Conservative. He said that to the victors belonged the spoils. After further conversation witness asked Mr. Kingham whom he suggested as secretary. Mr. Kingham said he had been promised it by Senator Templeman. Witness advised that the matter should stand over.

Cross-examined by Mr. Martin, witness said positively the matter never was brought up at the board. Further questioned Mr. Fraser admitted that Mr. Kingham had asked at the board if these pilots got their money.

Witness had later suggested that an auditor should be appointed. He suggested Mr. Kingham, but the latter declined and named witness. He went through the books each year since that. Witness had gone through the receipts and was satisfied that the pilots had got the money. The vouchers were true and accurate, signed by the men.

"Then you were deceived by Mr. Baker?" asked Mr. Martin.

"No," replied Mr. Fraser. Further, Mr. Fraser said the men got the cheques.

Mr. Martin pointed out that the evidence went to show him that the men did not get their cheques for the years in question, and that they had never left the hands of Mr. Baker.

Mr. Fraser said: "If I found a receipt signed by Joseph Martin I would infer that Mr. Martin got the money."

"And if you found out afterwards that Mr. Joseph Martin did not get the money you would then think you were deceived!" added Mr. Martin.

Mr. Fraser admitted that he afterwards learned that the pilots had not received the money.

Mr. Fraser denied that he had ever in conversation with Capt. Cox suggested that he (Mr. Fraser) was to be an applicant for the position of secretary.

Re-examined by Mr. Bodwell, witness said that Mr. Kingham had never suggested a commission at the board.

Mr. Bodwell said he would like later to call Mr. Rithet, who was expected to be here in the holidays. He further had a communication which prompted him to believe that Mr. Stumbles could give some valuable information on the subject.

Commissioner Elliott thought that Mr. Stumbles could not give any information as it was conceded by both sides that Mr. Stumbles was told nothing of this subject.

Mr. Bodwell said this was not admitted. He had information which led him to believe that Capt. Bucknam had made a statement with respect to this very matter before Mr. Stumbles came out.

Commissioner Elliott did not think Mr. Stumbles could add anything. Mr. Baker had made a full explanation.

With respect to Mr. Rithet he did not think that this gentleman could give any evidence material to this transaction. He drew from the evidence of the pilots and from that of Mr. Baker that the matter was kept back from the members of the commission and never disclosed to them.

With respect to the address of counsel, the commissioner decided that Mr. Bodwell should first proceed.

Mr. Bodwell said that the charge was one of fraud. That was completely exploded, as Pilot Thompson stated that he knew the substance of the power of attorney, which was the same as Mr. Baker explained. Pilot Thompson further advised the other pilots to sign it. The only suggestion that could be made was that this was an improper thing to do in connection with the pilotage board. There was not a suggestion that in consequence of this Mr. Baker did anything which was not proper on the board. It is not shown that there was any bias shown by Mr. Baker. There was nothing to show that Mr. Baker made any attempt to keep the transaction from being disclosed. It was the duty of the pilotage board to have investigated if they thought anything was wrong. In common decency when the affidavit of Capt. Bucknam was prepared Mr. Baker should have been asked to explain. If there was believed to have been good grounds for Mr. Baker's dismissal then the board should have reported to the department, and had this done. There was nothing dishonest in the transaction. It became then an academic question that Mr. Baker should not have had anything to do with the pilots. The pilots see in this a chance to get this money back. This was the purpose of this action. Mr. Baker could not be called upon to hand back the money. The money belonged to the pilots. The pilotage commission had jurisdiction over it only with respect to expenses. The money was held in trust for the pilots. The money was never in the possession of the crown. The crown could call for an account of the money, but could not order the disposition of it. It was held for the pilots. Mr. Baker was a trustee for the pilots.

Commissioner Elliott said that the money was held by the crown until it was paid to the pilots as their salaries.

Mr. Bodwell contended that this was not the correct way of looking at it. This was the pilots' money, and not the crown's. Mr. Bodwell said that even for argument's sake that it was held the money was collected by the crown, and then distributed to the pilots, there could be no difference in the result. The pilot might make such a disposition as he pleased of the money. It did not change the position because the pilots by a previous arrangement decided how the money should be disposed of.

Commissioner Elliott was inclined to believe that the stipend assigned by the crown to its servant could not be disposed of in other ways. It was recognized that this money could not be garnisheed.

Mr. Bodwell held that the servant could assign the money as he chose.

Mr. Martin in his argument on behalf of the pilots said that Mr. Baker stood convicted by his own statement of gross malfeasance in office, Mr. Baker's statement was that in 1895 he got sick of the position. The pilots at their own suggestion came and offered the surplus with two years' accumulation if he would retain office.

In case of an accident the case of the pilots would have to come before the board, which would decide whether the pilot's certificate should be forfeited. Mr. Baker held an important position as a member of the board, and would be a judge in the matter. This was a grossly improper act.

"This alone would condemn both sides," said Commissioner Elliott.

Mr. Martin said that he did not deny that the pilots had acted improperly, but he could not understand a man like Mr. Baker, who had been a member of parliament, accepting a bribe like this.

Mr. Bodwell suggested that the pilots retained Mr. Baker in order that the pilotage board should not be abolished.

Mr. Martin said this was ridiculous. Mr. Baker was no doubt a powerful man in his own mind, but how could he be believed to have power to change the laws of the Dominion.

Mr. Martin then went into the history of the transaction. Mr. Baker up to 1889 got all the surplus left after expenses. After that year Mr. Baker took 10 per cent. of the 10 per cent., explaining that this was done because it was the usual course. But it was not the usual course. He had formerly taken the whole of the 10 per cent., and not 10 per cent. of it. The pilots got their surplus for a time, but in 1893 it was held over for an unexplained reason.

But on January 7th, 1895, at a meeting where Messrs. Ward, Hall and Baker were present, it was ordered that the disposition of the surplus should be left over for a full meeting of the board. On November 5th, 1895, at a meeting when Messrs. Lewis, Johnson and Baker were present, it was ordered to be distributed. About this time the power of attorney was given.

Mr. Martin referred to this being a peculiar document. It gave Mr. Baker power to appropriate to his own use or any other purpose he saw fit. The receipts for the money signed by Mr. Baker, under power of attorney, were given up to 1900. Why did Mr. Baker want receipts from the pilots at the time Mr. Stumbles was coming? If a man's accounts were in good shape it was only natural for him to wish the true state of them to appear. Why should he want an untrue state of the situation to appear?

The excuse offered was that he wanted "to nail" Bucknam, who refused to hand back the cheque.

The only explanation possible was that Mr. Baker wanted to hide the condition of affairs when Auditor Stumbles was coming.

Mr. Martin held that the power of attorney of 1882, which gave power to receive money belonging to the pilots, was to be put forward to Mr. Stumbles to explain the receipt signed by Mr. Baker as attorney for James Baker, who was dead.

Commissioner Elliott said that he was thoroughly convinced that both sides were agreed to keep everything back from Mr. Stumbles in connection with the matter.

Mr. Martin then proceeded to show that Mr. Baker, as the nautical man on the board and the one always present, had a great deal of power. The pilots were therefore afraid of Mr. Baker. They also appeared to be afraid to bring the matter before Mr. Stumbles, who might be a friend of Mr. Baker.

"Did this not admit a willingness to pay blackmail?" said Commissioner Elliott.

"Provided it was, that is no crime," said Mr. Martin. If the pilots made the suggestion it might be a wrong, but it was not their suggestion, but that of Mr. Baker. The pilots were under no duty to lay the matter before Mr. Stumbles.

Commissioner Elliott propounded the question as to the right of clerk to submit to blackmail on the part of another clerk in order to hold his job.

Mr. Martin held that there was no wrong in submitting to this if the service was not affected.

Commissioner Elliott wanted to know if the pilots knowing that Mr. Baker held power over them were not in duty bound to report the matter.

Mr. Martin said that it was not their duty to see that the government got the proper service from Mr. Baker, provided they themselves gave unimpaired service.

"Were they privileged to see that the government did not get proper service?" asked the commissioner.

This led to a lengthy discussion of the moral rights of the pilots in the matter, Mr. Martin holding that these men were not in duty bound to report the matter. The pilots in refraining from taking action against Mr. Baker until they were in a position to succeed in the matter were showing good tactics.

Mr. Bodwell wanted to know if Mr. Martin would suggest that there was any improper action by Mr. Baker in consequence of this transaction. If this were not done they were discussing an academic question.

Mr. Martin said it would be impossible to do that. It was no academic question. It was a question of dollars and cents.

Mr. Martin would not admit that a claim could be made against the crown. But provided this could even be done, Mr. Baker had never done this. He never presented his authority, namely, the power of attorney to the pilotage commission in order to get the money. The money simply remained where it was, in his hands.

The money in the possession of the pilotage board was crown money. The affairs were transacted loosely. There was no bank account. The money was simply turned over to Mr. Baker. There was no payment of the money.

Commissioner Elliott said what he wanted to know was whether this money taken from the pilots was the money of the crown.

Mr. Martin held it certainly was. The power of attorney gave him authority to draw from the pilotage authority. The money was never the property of the pilots until it actually went into their possession. It was crown money up to that time. These fees were collected under statute.

Commissioner Elliott held that if these moneys had passed into the possession of Mr. Baker before they were at the disposal of the pilots, then this was a matter between the crown and Mr. Baker.

Mr. Bodwell said that in any event the crown would recognize no claim but that of the pilots to the money. But the pilots had already signed away their right to this.

Commissioner Elliott announced that this would close the public sittings for the taking of evidence, and formally adjourned.

MORE DETAILS OF ADMIRALTY SCHEMES

ONE SMALL VESSEL FOR PATROL PURPOSES

Squadron at Esquimalt Will be Reduced to This Basis—Dockyard Will Eventually Disappear.

(Special to the Times.)

London, Dec. 16.—The more the new schemes for the organization and distribution of the British navy are discussed, the more the reforms to be effected are welcomed and approved.

Organs of all shades of opinion concur in crediting those responsible for the scheme with having made an effort toward combining economy with efficiency which promises success.

The squadrons or divisions, which hitherto were maintained in American waters, have now been practically disestablished.

The squadron on the Pacific side has been reduced to one small vessel engaged in the fishery protection duty.

The South Atlantic squadron has been abolished altogether, and the squadron of the North American and West Indies station has been reduced to a couple of cruisers. Moreover, the ships on the last named station, which hitherto and their base alternated at Halifax, N. S., and at Port Royal, from now on are to have their base at Devonport.

Following naturally this rearrangement the dockyards at Halifax, Port Royal and Esquimalt must eventually disappear. It is the essence of the scheme that no sudden dislocation of existing arrangement takes place, and therefore it is not likely that these dockyards will be immediately closed, but as the need of them will cease, it is quite certain that their respective establishments will be reduced, and no more money be expended on the maintenance or upkeep.

OTTAWA NOTES.

Premier Haultain Will Discuss Provincial Autonomy With Ministers in January.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Dec. 16.—Premier Haultain, of the Northwest Territories, has written Hon. Clifford Sifton stating that he will be here during the first week in January to discuss with the Dominion government the question of granting provincial autonomy to the Northwest Territories.

Rates to Mexico.

The postal convention between Canada and Mexico has passed the Mexican senate. After January letters between both countries will be carried at the two cent rate.

Cabinet Meetings.

At a meeting of the cabinet on Wednesday an order-in-council was passed awarding the contract for building the new post office in Winnipeg to Thomas Kelly, of Winnipeg. The contract price is $529,000. Mr. Kelly is a well known contractor in the West. Another contract was awarded to John McInnes for the construction of an immigration building at Halifax. It was also decided at a cabinet meeting to-day not to send a Dominion exhibit to Portland, Oregon.

ORDERS STEAMERS.

Clyde Firm Will Build Ships For the Canadian Pacific Railway Company.

(Associated Press.)

London, Dec. 16.—A dispatch to a news agency from Glasgow says the Canadian Pacific railway has ordered three high-speed steamships from the Fairfield Shipbuilding Company.

TO FIGHT TUBERCULOSIS.

Chicago, Dec. 16.—Labor unions have been enlisted to fight the spread of tuberculosis. The office janitors, cigar makers and garment workers offered the co-operation of their organizations in efforts which are to be made to eliminate dust in business buildings and unhealthy conditions in shops and factories.

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STRONG FORTS YET TO BE CAPTURED

NAVAL GUNS WILL COVER INFANTRY ADVANCE

Attack by Japanese Torpedo Boats and Destroyers on Russian Battleship and Transports.

Headquarters of the Third Japanese Army, via, Fusan, Dec. 15.—The Russian battleship Sevastopol, the only Russian warship that escaped destruction, being docked when the other vessels were sunk after the Japanese captured 203-Metre hill, escaped from the dock and harbor last night, and is now anchored under a protecting mountain. Some torpedo craft are also outside of the harbor.

The tremendous price of life paid by the Japanese for the capture of 203-Metre hill has been redeemed by the utter destruction of the Russian fleet.

The Japanese fleet will now go into dock.

Every part of the city and harbor of Port Arthur is visible from 203-Metre hill. The streets of the city are deserted, and but few soldiers are doing patrol duty. Many buildings have been burned and others shattered. The shelters of the harbor present a strange appearance with the turrets, masts and funnels of warships showing just above the water. There is not a vessel afloat in the harbor. The docks and buildings on the waterfront are torn and burned. The Japanese shells screech over every part of the city and harbor.

The Japanese are working their advantage on the shores of Pigeon Bay, on comparatively level ground, against the Talyankow, Idzchan and Antzeshan forts. The approaches to the fortifications are easy, but the forts are enormously strong, and the near approach will be all the more difficult as the sapping of trenches will have to be done through frozen ground.

The naval guns mounted on 203-Metre hill will be able to cover the advance of infantry against any of the western forts.

ATTACKED BATTLESHIP DURING SNOWSTORM.

Tokio, Dec. 14, 4 p.m.—The partially successful torpedo attack on the Sevastopol was made in the face of almost insurmountable obstacles, and writes another inspiring story of the splendid bravery of a number of officers. The entire crews of the torpedo boat destroyers and torpedo boats volunteered for the attack on the only floating Russian battleship at Port Arthur.

Facing a driving snowstorm and heavy seas, the flotillas separated, and, under individual commanders, the vessels attacked independently. The decks of the destroyers and torpedo boats were coated with ice and the men suffered acutely from the cold. The Russians resorted to the utmost precautions to protect the Sevastopol. They dropped torpedo nets, which shielded the boats of the warship, but the Sevastopol was further protected by a specially constructed boom of logs and cables and heavy chains. From the surface of this boom hung a deep curtain made of torpedo nets. The Japanese refrained from attempting to cut or jump the boom, but eventually forced the openings which the Russians had left so as to allow communication with the harbor.

At 3.30 o'clock on the morning of December 14th (Wednesday), Commander Otaki, leading a flotilla of torpedo boats, and Lieut. Myamoto, leading another flotilla, began an attack against the Sevastopol and the transports. Otaki's flotilla failed to accomplish its purpose owing to a snowstorm. Myamoto's flotilla succeeded in reaching the intended spot by taking advantage of the fact that the enemy's searchlights were turned on Otaki's fleet. In the thick of the snow, while Myamoto's flotilla was searching for the enemy's ships, one torpedo boat became lost from its command.

At 4 o'clock Lieut. Nakamuda's torpedo boat independently attacked a military transport, while another torpedo boat, under Myamoto, discharged and exploded a torpedo against the Sevastopol.

Both returned safely, but failed to meet the missing torpedo boat.

To-day the watch tower guardship reports that the stern of the Sevastopol appeared to have lowered three feet.

MANY CASES OF TYPHOID AMONG TROOPS.

Harbin, Dec. 15.—Gen. Kaulbars, commander of the third army, met with a hearty reception on his arrival here to-day.

There are twenty-two hospitals, each with 180 beds here. There are many cases of typhoid fever.

CLERK'S SUICIDE.

Out of Work and Without Food For His Family Man Took Carbolic Acid.

New York, Dec. 15.—After trudging through the snow from one end of the city to the other in hope of securing employment, and with his wife and six children without food, and ordered to leave their home in the east tenement house because of non-payment of rent, John Corcoran, a clerk, to-day ended his life by drinking carbolic acid. "I'll be back home with better news," he told his wife. Early this morning Corcoran returned went to the kitchen and without a word raised a bottle of carbolic acid to his lips. His wife tried to take it from him, and a struggle ensued in the presence of the little ones, in which the man finally conquered and drank the poison. When an ambulance surgeon arrived he was dead.

THE BRITISH ARTILLERY.

Most of Guns Outclassed in Range and Rapidity of Fire.

London, Dec. 15.—Commenting on the condition of the British artillery, the Times to-day, in an editorial, says:

"The thinking portion of the public will find some cold, tardy consolation in the article we publish to-day upon the re-armament of artillery. It appears that with good luck we may hope to see the army provided, two years hence, with artillery fit to oppose that which other nations already have provided.

"Meantime, with the exception of eighteen batteries of quickfiring guns, hurriedly bought in Germany during the Boer war, the British army has no guns that would seriously count in a modern war. Our field artillery would be hopelessly outclassed in range, accuracy and rapidity of fire, which means simply that our batteries would be knocked to pieces before they could inflict any serious damage on the enemy.

"What's more, our infantry would be compelled to remain on the defensive because the artillery would be powerless to provide conditions for a successful advance.

"We have again and again pointed out without avail that the government of this country is carried on without scientific direction. Even in those departments most obviously and directly dependent on scientific progress, this country follows the procedure of that edible invertebrate, the lobster. The lobster at intervals casts his shell, and until a new one grows is absolutely helpless and has to conceal himself in a hole.

"That is our case, only we have no shelling hole. We get equipment usually in a hurry and at an abnormal cost and assume that that is the last word of science. We take no note of what science is doing until some fine day we discover that our equipment is as worthless for defence as Nelson's wooden walls would be against a modern ironclad."

KING'S GIFT TO MONKS.

New York, Dec. 15.—A Milan, Italy, dispatch to the Herald says that King Edward has just presented the monks of the Great St. Bernard monastery with a magnificent new piano, to replace one given them by Queen Victoria half a century ago.

A GUARANTEED CURE FOR PILES.

Itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles. Your druggist will refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure you in 6 to 14 days. 50c.

Count Tolstoi has opened book stores at Moscow and at St. Petersburg, and is offering to provide village libraries with books at cheap prices.

CHAMBERLAIN'S SPEECH.

Predicted That Tax Upon Imports Would Benefit the Workingman of Great Britain.

London, Dec. 15.—Joseph Chamberlain addressed a meeting of London Eastenders to-night. C. A. Pearson, the well-known newspaper proprietor, presided. The hall was filled to overflowing and an immense gathering outside showed a disposition to create a hostile demonstration of the unemployed, who paraded in front of the building and greeted Mr. Chamberlain on his arrival with groans. This was offset by the reception of the audience in the interior of the building. Mr. Chamberlain, who was greeted with cheering lasting several minutes when he rose, devoted his speech largely to a discussion of the fiscal question.

Mr. Chamberlain spoke for two hours. While not advancing any new proposition regarding the main issue, he adapted his utterances most particularly to the working class than in any of his former speeches, and dwelt at considerable length upon conditions existing in eastern Europe. He predicted that a tax upon imports would materially benefit the workingman of Great Britain, and said that alien immigration must be checked. While he sympathized with unfortunate people who were driven from their own country by "the utmost brutality," he said Britain could be inflicted with the element which is responsible for most of the crime, poverty and disease to be found in industrial centres.

He advocated founding some colony under English rule to which aliens could be diverted from over-crowded England. He pointed out the fact that even now a deputation is leaving for East Africa, where hundreds of thousands of fertile acres are untilled and where unfortunates could find refuge.

In speaking of the effect of free imports, Mr. Chamberlain said Ireland was a concrete instance; that country was beggared because its main industry, agriculture, was ruined by free imports while no other industry was found to replace it. In concluding, Mr. Chamberlain said, whether the Liberal party was victorious at the next election, which could not come too soon for him, the question of tariff reform would remain a vital issue.

DISTRESS IN IRELAND.

Local Government Board Takes Steps to Assist the Tenants.

Dublin, Dec. 15.—The meeting of the Irish parliamentary party to discuss the distress in the west of Ireland and consider means to "force the government to provide for the immediate necessities of the case and put the Land Act in operation in Connaught and other poor districts," was held here to-day under the presidency of John Redmond. A resolution was passed condemning the government for the existing distress in Ireland, demanding that immediate steps be taken to relieve, and also demanding that powers be given for the distribution of land in the poor districts. The local government board, however, to some degree forestalled the meeting by taking steps which, it is considered, will be effective in relieving the tenants who are affected by the failure of the potato crop.

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Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

VISITED DISTRICT COURT.

Chief Justice Falconbridge Listened to Case in New York.

New York, Dec. 15.—The Herald this morning says: "W. G. Falconbridge, chief justice of Ontario, was an interested visitor yesterday in the United States court, and sat for a time on the bench with Judge Adams in the District court and listened attentively to the trial of a case involving the question of automobiles going on and off ferry boats, under their own power. The chief justice was introduced to the other justices, and Commissioner Shields.

"'I am very much impressed with the manner in which justice is dispensed in these courts,' said Chief Justice Falconbridge, 'and like the very expeditious way the judges have of handling their courts. There is not as much ceremony in their courts here as we have. We wear gowns, but do not wear the wigs that are still used on the bench in England and British Columbia.'"

Sir A. P. McDonnell, under secretary for Ireland, in a letter to the boards of guardians in the west of Ireland, promises that should the relief of the existing distress there prove an excessive burden on the ratepayers, the government will make a grant from the public funds for the purpose.

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Fine building lots fronting New City Park on Gorge road.

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Twenty-three acres in Esquimalt District fronting on Royal Roads.

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MATRIMONIAL—A steady, well-to-do man, with home near Victoria, wishes to correspond with lady of refinement, a Protestant, with view to matrimony; references given and expected; this is genuine. Apply in first instance P. O. Box 181, Victoria.

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DON'T FORGET the comedy-drama, "The Arabian Nights," in Semple's Hall, Friday, December 16th, by the Y. W. A. D. S. Admission, 25c. Concluding with a social dance.

CEMENT WORK.

SLATE AND GRAVEL ROOFING, cement sidewalks laid, etc. John Bell. Leave orders at Nicholles & Renouf.

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FREE DEMONSTRATION AND LECTURE

Friday, Saturday, Monday, Tuesday Wednesday, Dec. 16th, 17th, 19th, 20th and 21st.

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Advertisements under this head a cent a word each insertion.

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YOUNG HANDY MAN wants situation on a ranch; has had experience. Apply 49 Gorge road.

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WANTED—Everybody in Victoria to buy first-class home-made toffee and candy from Hartley, the English candy maker, 74 Yates street.

WANTED—Photo-Engraving work from all parts of the province; satisfaction guaranteed; send for samples. B. C. Photo-Engraving Co., 26 Broad street, Victoria.

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HOLLY—For Xmas decoration. Jay & Co., 13 Broad street. Phone 1024.

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FOR SALE—Cheap, air-tight heaters, ranges, stoves, tables, single and double beds, mattresses, bureaus, etc. I X L Second-Hand Store, 8 Store street. Phone B928.

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KAI CHUNG & BRO., 158 Government St. Employment agency; servants and laborers for any work. Ring up phone 1123. Boot and shoe store.

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BEST JAPANESE PORCELAIN and fancy goods at Kawai Bros. Co., 86 Douglas St.

REWARD—$30.00 (thirty dollars) will be paid to anyone giving information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of the party or parties who wilfully and maliciously destroyed the fencing on our property on Catherine and Langford streets, on the night of the 23rd inst. Thos. Shotbolt; Richard Hall.

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TO LET—Furnished cottage, $7; unfurnished, $5 per month. A. Williams, 104 Yates.

TO LET—Boarding house, furnished rooms, first-class table, well recommended. 227 Johnson, cor. Vancouver.

TO LET—Osborne House, Pandora and Blanchard streets; furnished rooms at reasonable rates, per week or per month.

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Real Estate and Insurance Agents, 9 and 11 Trounce Avenue.

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FOR SALE—Pine street, good lot, 55 ft. by 135 ft., no rock; assessed value $240; our price $125.

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FOR SALE—Lot, 60x120, and 7 roomed house, McClure street; $1,600.

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FOR SALE—Esquimalt road, with frontage on beach, ½ acre and 8 roomed house, $2,500; terms.

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WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Dec. 16.—5 a. m.—A vast high barometer area is central in Oregon and Idaho, but the pressure is decreasing in this district in advance of an ocean storm area which is approaching Vancouver Island from the northward. Two inches of snow has fallen at Barkerville, and light to moderate rain on the immediate Coast from the Lower Mainland to Oregon. Temperatures are normal west of the Cascades, but much lower on the plateau lands. In the Northwest the weather is fair in the Territories, but unsettled, with snowfall, in Manitoba, and it has become much colder. The recent storm area in this district is now central in southern Kansas.

Forecasts.

For 36 hours ending 5 p.m. Saturday.

Victoria and vicinity—Moderate to fresh easterly and southerly winds, becoming unsettled, with rain to-night or Saturday.

Lower Mainland—Easterly winds, becoming unsettled, with rain to-night or Saturday.

Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 30.26; temperature, 41; minimum, 39; wind, 4 miles E.; rain, .04; weather, fair.

New Westminster—Barometer, 30.26; temperature, 40; minimum, 40; wind, 4 miles E.; rain, .18; weather, cloudy.

Kamloops—Barometer, 30.14; temperature, 32; minimum, 24; wind, calm; weather, cloudy.

Barkerville—Barometer, 30.04; temperature, 26; minimum, 20; wind, calm; snow, .20; weather, clear.

San Francisco—Barometer, 30.32; temperature, 48; minimum, 46; wind, 4 miles N. W.; weather, clear.

Edmonton—Barometer, 30.02; temperature, 12; minimum, 10; wind, 4 miles S.; weather, clear.

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NEW APPOINTMENTS

In Current Gazette—Government Offices to Be Closed Day After Holidays.

The current issue of the Official Gazette contains the following appointments:

William Oliver Rose, of Nelson, M.D., to be a justice of the peace within and for the province of British Columbia.

Abraham Joyce, of the city of Fernie, to be acting registrar of the County court of Kootenay, holden at Fernie; acting deputy clerk of the peace for the county of Kootenay; acting collector under the Revenue Act, acting collector under the Revenue Tax Act, acting registrar under the Marriage Act, for the Fernie electoral district; acting deputy for the Fernie electoral district of the district registrar of birth, deaths and marriages, for the southern division of East Kootenay; acting deputy mining recorder for that portion of the Fort Steele mining division, known as the Fernie district.

John McDonald, of Olalla, to be a deputy mining recorder for the Osoyoos mining division.

Ezra Evans, of Manson, Cassiar, to be a mining recorder for the Omineca mining division, such appointment to date from January 1st, 1905.

Joseph Walsh, of Fort Steele, to be a deputy mining recorder for the Fort Steele mining division.

The provincial secretary gives notice that the public offices of the government will be closed on Monday, December 26th, and on Monday, January 2nd.

The resignation of Charles W. McAnn, of Kaslo, as a Court of Revision and Appeal for the Rossland assessment district, was accepted.

The following companies have been incorporated: Kootenay Hotel Co., Ltd., capital $10,000; Monarch Hotel Co., Ltd., capital $25,000; Wilmer Mercantile Co., Ltd., capital $10,000.

A license has been granted to the Canadian Oil Co., Ltd., as an extra-provincial corporation. The capital is $1,000,000, divided into 10,000 shares of $100 each. The head office of the company is in Toronto, and the provincial headquarters are at Vancouver. The objects of the company are in part: (a) To purchase, own, lease or sell, salt, petroleum, natural gas, mineral and other lands, and erect, purchase, lease and sell refineries, salt works, natural gas works, plant and machinery. (b) To produce, manufacture, refine, buy, sell, import, export, or deal in crude or refined petroleum oil, mineral, fish, seal and all other kinds of oil, salt, natural gas, the products and bye-products thereof, and in all the products of petroleum, salt, natural gas, mineral and oil lands, and in producers' and refiners' supplies.

Messrs. Barnard & Rogers have given notice that application will be made to the legislative assembly of the province of British Columbia, at its next session, for an act to incorporate a company with power to carry on the business of a general trust company, and in particular with power to take, receive and hold all estates and property, real and personal, which may be granted, committed, transferred or conveyed to it, with its consent, upon any trust or trusts whatsoever (not contrary to law), at any time or times, by any person or persons, body or bodies corporate, or by any court of the province of British Columbia; to take and receive on deposit, upon such terms and for such remunerations as may be agreed upon, deeds, wills, policies of insurance, bonds, debentures or other valuable papers or securities for money, jewellery, plate or other chattel property of any kind, and to guarantee the safekeeping of the same; to act generally as attorney or agent for the transaction of business, the management of estates, the collection of loans, rents, interest, dividends, debts mortgages, debentures, bonds, bills, notes, coupons and other securities for money.

Messrs. Morgan & Blackmore, plumbers, of Vancouver, have dissolved partnership.

E. B. KIRBY RESIGNS.

Rossland, B. C., Dec. 14.—James Cronin, director of the War Eagle, Centre Star & Rossland Power Co., is in town on a visit, and announces that Edward B. Kirby has resigned the general managership of these companies in order to attend to private affairs and business elsewhere, and will leave Rossland on January 15th next. Mr. Crowin further stated that this has long been expected, as the directors were informed as early as last spring of Mr. Kirby's desire to leave at the first opportunity, and of his intention to depart upon the completion of work in hand. His successor has not been appointed, but will be announced later.

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SECRETARY BAKER GIVES EVIDENCE

PRESENTS HIS SIDE OF THE TRANSACTION

His Examination Before the Commission Enquiring Into Pilotage Affairs Took Place Yesterday.

The examination of Secretary E. Crow Baker commenced before Commissioner R. T. Elliot yesterday afternoon at the inquiry into pilotage affairs.

Examined by E. V. Bodwell, K. C., witness said that he had been secretary of the pilotage board from 1875. He became a commissioner upon the death of Mr. Finlayson in 1892. Pilot Myers resigned in order to take what he considered a better job, namely the captaincy of the Danube. It had nothing whatever to do with the surplus question. For quite a time there had been only three commissioners previous to the appointment of T. B. Hall and Robt. Ward. In 1890 leave was granted witness by the pilotage authority to give pilots permission to quit the district. The pilotage authority never relegated its powers to him.

Referring to the signature of the power of attorney by Pilot Bebbington, witness said that there was not the slightest truth in the statement that he prevented in any way the pilot from reading the document. Witness believed that he was not present when Pilot Bebbington signed the document. He never heard of the formation of a fund for the pilots' benefit out of this surplus until he heard of it at this investigation. He always considered himself as the friend of the pilots, whom the latter consulted at different times. Never had he intimidated the pilots in any way. He had never given any statement which might be construed as to the effect that he would use his endeavors to have the pilot board abolished.

In the fall of 1895, October 28th, witness spoke to Pilot Thompson with respect to the surplus funds. Witness told Pilot Thompson that he intended to surrender his position as secretary, as it was worth more than $50 a month. He spoke to Thompson, as was his custom, as senior pilot. He intended to surrender his position. Thompson said: "For God's sake don't do that, what will become of us?" Pilot Thompson added: "Don't do anything now and I will see the other pilots and see what can be done." Later Pilot Thompson came and said that he had talked it over, and had decided to give witness the pilotage surplus. This pilotage surplus consisted of the residium from the 10 per cent. kept back after paying expenses, the amount of $100 a year paid by regular boats plying to the Puget Sound and the outward dues under section 57. This amounted to about $900 or $1,000 a year.

Witness thanked Pilot Thompson, and said that they would have to give him some authority for it. Pilot Thompson said: "You know Mr. Baker we are not business men, you draw up some document."

The power of attorney was drawn up and signed November 9th. Pilots Bucknam and Thompson knowing that this was drawn up came into the office and the power of attorney was read by witness and executed. The pilots were there for from half an hour to three-quarters of an hour. Witness denied that he in any way prevented Pilot Bucknam from reading the document. Witness never suggested anything with respect to investing the surplus for the men. It was a gift to witness. Pilot Newby signed the document on November 14th. Pilot Bebbington signed it November 18th. As well as he could recollect it was signed by these latter two in the presence of the assistant, Haynes. Witness continued to draw this surplus, putting in receipts signed as attorney in fact.

On 11th of August, 1900 witness had a conference with the pilots with reference to the visit of W. W. Stumbles. The pilots were asked to give receipts for the sums. Pilot Bucknam hesitated a little. Witness wanted these receipts as confirmatory of what he had done as their attorney. There was no question on the part of the pilots as to what was being done.

For the division of the surplus of 1900, when Pilot Thompson got his cheque he came back and handed it to witness saying: "Here, Mr. Baker, this does not belong to me." Pilot Bucknam represented that he had had sickness in his family. Pilot Bucknam said that the money was of more use to himself than to witness. The sum from the other pilots amounted to within $15.30 of $1,000. Pilot Bucknam said this was a pretty good present, and offered to give the sum of $15.30 to bring it up to $1,000, retaining the remainder, $328.24 from the cheque. Witness refused this, and said that he would not accept the sum from three of the pilots and not from the other. Witness said: "This money is yours anyway if you choose to abrogate the agreement." From that time on the surplus was given to each pilot.

With reference to the salary, Mr. Baker explained that he started with $12.50 a month. Later he got $100 a month, and the pilots added $40 a month. The amount was reduced with the division of the authority. For the period from 1875 to 1904 the average amount received by him as secretary, without the surplus granted by the pilots, averaged $50.02. With the surplus added it averaged $66.66 a month. From 1893 to 1904 the pilots got $15,797.45, an average of $2,400 a year each.

Questioned as to the method of investigating acts of pilots witness explained that it was absolutely inaccurate to describe witness as dominating the board. Anyone who knew Mr. Rithet and Mr. Ward could not say such a thing. Capt. Lewis, a member of the board, was also a marine man.

"Is it true or not true that you dominated the board?" asked Mr. Bodwell.

"Absolutely untrue," replied Mr. Baker.

"What answer do you expect him to give to that question?" asked Mr. Martin with a smile.

"I expect him to tell the truth," returned Mr. Bodwell.

Cross-examined by Jos. Martin, K. C., representing the pilots, witness said in 1879 he was awarded the whole of the 10 per cent. surplus. This continued until 31st December, 1889. His salary was then fixed at $600, approved of by the Governor-General-in-Council.

"That was your whole salary?" asked Mr. Martin.

"My whole salary as secretary of the pilot board," replied Mr. Baker.

asked Mr. Martin.

Witness explained that the surplus fund was largely made up of the Puget Sound money, from which no 10 per cent. was deducted. Witness was granted 10 per cent. of this money.

Reading a resolution from the minutes of 1885, Mr. Martin held that the Puget Sound money was to take the regular course, and be subject to 10 per cent. only going into the surplus.

Witness admitted that this course was adopted.

Reading from the minutes, Mr. Martin held that a resolution passed in 1889 fixed the salary at $600, and this was approved of by the Governor-General-in-Council. Mr. Martin wanted to know what authority there was for drawing 10 per cent. of the 10 per cent. surplus as shown in the statement of expenditures put in.

Witness explained that the commissioners by resolution authorized the distribution of the 10 per cent. surplus in the usual way. Under this witness drew his 10 per cent. of the surplus. The commissioners were formerly paid $5 a meeting. The commissioners' fees were abolished March 2nd, 1897. Witness said this was done in consequence of a notice coming from Ottawa. The taking of this out of the surplus ceased. No notice came from Ottawa that the secretary was to stop taking the surplus.

Mr. Martin, referring to the documents, pointed out that in 1896 the taking of 10 per cent. of the 10 per cent. of the surplus ceased to be taken by Mr. Baker.

Witness admitted that he had this under the power of attorney given by the pilots anyway, and there was no need of it appearing on the statement.

"The change of government in 1896 had nothing to do with this change?" asked Mr. Martin.

"Nothing whatever, honestly, Mr. Martin," said Mr. Baker.

Asked why the division of the surplus among the pilots in 1892 was not made, witness said that the commissioners passed no resolution as to the division of the sum.

Mr. Martin wanted to know why it was not ordered.

Witness could not recall the reason. There was not much, he thought, and the commission had been put to some trouble and might have held it over.

Coming to the minutes of 1893, Mr. Martin read a resolution calling for the paying of the surplus of 1892 to the pilots. Mr. Martin said the evidence of the pilots was that they did not get the money. The power of attorney was not given until 1895. "Why was this money not paid over to the pilots?" asked Mr. Martin.

Mr. Baker, searching the records, came to the conclusion that the payments for two or three years must have been held over. From memory he could not explain it.

Mr. Martin then explained that after the power of attorney was given in November, 1895, witness must have given a receipt for the money due to Pilot Buchnam in 1895. "Had Mr. Stumbles arrived before the receipts were given by the pilots in lieu of those receipted under power of attorney he would have found receipts for money due in 1893 receipted under power of attorney given in 1895?" asked Mr. Martin.

Witness did not think he would have found any such condition of affairs. From memory he could not tell just how matters stood. The money had accumulated for these years, the amount being held over. The accounts would have shown this.

"But the accounts could not have shown this," said Mr. Martin, "the board had ordered the distribution of these amounts."

Witness said he could not tell how the receipts would have stood. Witness admitted that he returned old receipts for the new ones given by the pilots.

"In November, 1895, you signed receipts under power of attorney for the division of surplus for 1892 ordered paid in 1903?" asked Mr. Martin.

"I presume so," replied Mr. Baker, "but the sum was carried over."

"No, but it was not carried over for 1892," said Mr. Martin.

An investigation showed that the receipts were given by the pilots for this 1892 surplus, showing that they got the money, although among the substituted receipts given by the pilots for those signed by Mr. Baker under power of attorney the surplus for 1892 was included also.

Mr. Baker said this was apparently an inadvertency.

Coming to the surpluses of 1893 and 1894, which were carried over until 1895, and ordered paid November 5th, 1895, Mr. Martin called attention to the fact that the receipts were dated 9th November, 1895, although two of the pilots had not then signed the power of attorney.

Witness was not sure as to the exact dates when the receipts might have been given. This question of handing over the surplus to him was all decided upon, however, no matter on what date the signatures were actually affixed.

Witness in reply to questions did not know that any one but the pilots knew of this power of attorney. He did not disclose it to the other members of the pilotage commission. He did not reveal it to Mr. Stumbles. It was a matter which pertained alone to the pilots. He was stransacting business for the pilots, and he did not feel at liberty to give away the business of the pilots to Mr. Stumbles. This was a transaction between the four pilots and E. Crow Baker.

One of the original receipts signed by witness as attorney for James Ramsey, dated 9th November, 1895, was produced. Mr. Martin wanted to know if this was signed under the power of attorney of 1895.

This was followed by a considerable discussion as to the production of a second power of attorney given by Jas. Ramsay in 1882. It was explained that this original receipt was left because James Ramsay was dead, and the substitution of receipts could not take place.

Mr. Martin asked what he would have thought of the propriety of any other commissioner accepting a present of $7,000 from the pilots without revealing it to the other members of the board.

Witness said that he did not care to express an opinion. It might be advisable for a member of the board to refrain from taking it. The circumstances were not analogous, however. The transaction between himself and the pilots, witness thought, was perfectly proper. The pilots gave this in order to retain the services of witness on the board, and also in return for his past services.

Witness refrained from keeping the surplus when Pilot Bucknam objected to giving it to him. He still thought he was entitled to it in all righteousness.

Further questioned as to the discontinuance of the practice of holding the surplus, witness said: "We can all, as we get older, see the errors of our youth." He had befriended the pilots, he explained, and done many things for them. In return for this they had turn-

gation.

Questioned as to how he got knowledge of the feeling against the handing over of this surplus by the pilots, witness said it was hard to say. There are always little birds about, and he learned the pilots had no use for him.

Mr. Martin wanted to know if the question of inquiring into whether the pilots had received all that was due to them was not brought up at a meeting of the board of pilot commissioners in 1901.

Witness could not recall that this ever came up at the board then.

Mr. Martin asked if witness got any other remuneration in connection with the pilotage board.

Witness explained that he had some years ago drawn sums as customs broker in clearing vessels after hours. This was independent of the position in connection with the pilotage board. It might have been a fine distinction, he said, but it was nevertheless unconnected.

This completed Mr. Martin's cross-examination, and an adjournment was taken until this morning at 10.30.

ON THEIR HONEYMOON.

Mr. James Murray and Bride Are Touring the Sound—Will Reside in Vancouver.

Owing to the pressure on space in yesterday's Times a complete account of the wedding of Mr. James Daly Murray, of Vancouver, and Miss Catherine Bonday, only daughter of Capt. Hughes, of this city, could not be given. The bride's gown was of beautiful white silk voile, trimmed with satin and Oriental lace. She carried a shower bouquet of crysanthemums and asparagus fern. The bridesmaid, Miss Emma McIlmoyl, wore a becoming gown of white organdie with valenciennes lace trimming, and carried ping crysanthemums.

After the ceremony the guests sat down to a most artistically arranged table. The young couple left on the Princess Beatrice for a trip to the Sound cities on Wednesday night, and will take up their residence in Vancouver.

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MR. BORDEN'S POSITION.

Mr. Borden, the submerged leader of the Conservative party, has denied that he had any knowledge of the conspiracy alleged to have been entered into between railway corporations or railway contractors and agents of his party to execute a sensational coup on the eve of the general elections for the purpose of accomplishing the defeat of the Laurier government. Mr. Borden went on an excursion to New York a short time before polling day and on a private car on the train met some contractors of almost world-wide fame in company with Mr. David Russell, the celebrated manipulator of the proposed deal. But that meeting was merely a coincidence. Mr. Russell did not tell his leader of the project he had on hand to secure the services of Mr. Blair. Neither did Mr. Russell inform Mr. Borden that he had made a propitious beginning by purchasing two Liberal newspapers in St. John and promptly turning their batteries upon the government candidates. Mr. Russell did not tell Mr. Borden that negotiations were on for the purchase of La Presse of Montreal, probably the most influential newspaper, within its special field, in the country. Not a word was said in the course of this accidental interview of a scheme for the corruption of twenty-five Grit candidates in the province of Quebec. In fact, we are led to believe that Mr. Borden was not at all interested in the then political situation. The conversation between the parties to this inadvertent and accidental conference was entirely about the weather and the condition of the lobster industry of Nova Scotia. If Mr. Blair had taken the stump at the psychological moment as he had promised to do—if he could have been persuaded to continue the purpose for which he had actually been persuaded to resign the chairmanship of the Railway Commission; if the Liberal candidates in the province of Quebec had been as corrupt as the manipulators (being incapable of comprehension of public honor and political integrity) thought they were; if La Presse had been as influential as it was expected to be or if its influence had not been discounted by a premature exposure of the plot; if the Liberal government had been defeated and a Conservative government had been called into power—if everything had worked according to the calculations of the conspirators, the leader of the Conservative party would in childlike innocence and infantile unconsciousness of guile have been created Premier of Canada. When the railway corporation which or the railway contractors who had furnished the millions of dollars for the campaign fund that paid all election expenses, purchased valuable newspapers and induced twenty-five candidates to betray their leader and sell their country—when the gang made application for their reward this guileless leader would have been quite as much astonished at the revelations and demands as the most obscure of his supporters. He would have scorned the idea of blocking the construction of another transcontinental railway; in contumely he would have driven forth the brigands who demanded contracts at their own prices as the reward for their services!

But is it not curious that in the most remote constituencies there was an understanding that sensational revelations were expected from the province of Quebec on the day of nomination? Our friend and political mentor, Sir Hibbert Tupper announced in theatrical fashion at a public meeting that Mr. Blair was going to take the stump and that this, in combination with other circumstances, presaged the overthrow of the government. Our esteemed contemporary the Colonist was receiving private messages from Montreal telling about the pending disintegration of the government. It announced in advance that Mr. Emmerson had been defeated and that its party was "sweeping the East."

But there was a miscalculation. The French-Canadian Liberal was more strongly grounded in the faith than was anticipated. He proved that there is still virtue in political life; that adherence to principle and honor and faithfulness to revered leaders are not at a discount. The strength of the chief of the Liberal party was demonstrated at a critical period in our history. The loyalty of his followers confounded the conspirators and brought the plot to naught. What else remains to be demonstrated we do not know. But to ask us to believe that such a conspiracy was hatched and attempted to be carried out without the knowledge of the individual chiefly interested is to exceed the bounds of reason, especially when circumstances indicate that the heads of all centres were communicated with on the subject.

CANADA'S DAY.

The flour millers of the great centre of the American industry, Minneapolis, have appealed to Washington for relief. They say they are losing the British market because of the high price of wheat. London can get its wheat from Canada, grind it into flour and put it upon the market at cheaper rates than the mill men of the United States can. Two additional mills of immense capacity have just been erected in the British metropolis because of the rich promise the future appears to hold for this reviving industry. Hence the cry for salvation. The difference in the price of Canadian as compared with American wheat is reported to be fifteen cents a bushel, and at that the Canadian product is of superior quality. That is to say, now that for the first time United States farmers are in a position to reap some profit from the protective tariff, the manufacturers are crying for relief. The home market is secure to them, but they desire to hold the foreign market also. To accomplish this they ask that the original producers of the commodity by which they profit shall be sacrificed. Here we have another concrete instance of the consistency and selfishness of the apostles of protection. They shoo the foreigner out of their territory and ask for special privileges in order that they may be able to invade the territory of the same objectionable competitors. Why do they not follow the example of other manufacturers who are erecting factories in Canada? They should come over and establish themselves here, where the raw material is being produced in ever increasing abundance and where there are many water powers superior to that of the Mississippi at Minneapolis. If the tariff reformers at Washington should listen to the prayers of the petition of this oppressed class the agriculturists of the United States will understand the complete benefits of protection from a farmer's point of view. No doubt they will vote accordingly, and with opened eyes will insist upon real tariff reform. Canadians have evidently attained a promontory from which they can regard developments with complacency.

Citizens of Victoria must be patient. They must not rise in petulance and say that the Indian reserve question stands where it did, say twenty or even thirty years ago. We are gaining more information on the subject the deeper we dig. It is interesting to know that the late Mr. Dunsmuir had an understanding with Sir John Macdonald to the effect that the whole of the reserve was ultimately to pass into his possession. It is also enlightening to receive the information that Mr. James Dunsmuir has a tentative understanding to the effect that he shall receive a certain portion of this Tom Tickler's ground for railway terminal purposes. Knowing all the facts, we should some day be able to apportion the reserve in a manner that will be approximately satisfactory to all concerned. Complete satisfaction is out of the question. There is nothing complete here below, excepting, perhaps, the belief of the Indians that their present place of abode is a most desirable one and their determination to adhere to it regardless of the voice of the tempter. However, there is a possibility that even the Indians may be won over to favor action which will be of as great benefit to themselves as it will be to the advantage of the city.

FAREWELL TO MISS CURRIE.

Pupils Tender Banquet to Teacher at Sidney.

The pavilion at Sidney was the scene of a very delightful affair on Wednesday evening, the occasion being a banquet and presentation tendered to Miss A. J. Currie, who is leaving Sidney and the school at which she has so long and faithfully officiated, to enter upon a new and untried sphere of life. The hall was very tastefully decorated, and altogether presented a lively and animated scene. After the numerous guests had disposed of the many delicacies provided for them, Mrs. W. R. Armstrong read the presentation address on behalf of the people of Saanich, of which the following is a brief summary:

"You are leaving us to enter upon a new and untried life, a life which we trust will be fraught with happiness and peace. Now, as most of us know from experience that domestic felicity depends largely on the 'cuisine,' we have some articles here which may prove useful to you in that department. We hope that you will always have salad to fill the bowl, while the spoon and fork will ensure its being well and thoroughly mixed.

"We ask you now to accept these with our best wishes for your future happiness and prosperity from your Saanich friends."

Rev. Dr. Reid, who presided, then made a very eloquent and touching speech, in which he expressed the high esteem in which Miss Currie is held by all who know her, and recalled her long and faithful service in the interest of the youth of Saanich, during which time her many acts of kindness and uniform consideration and courtesy had endeared her to all who came within her sphere of influence. The chairman also read a letter from T. W. Paterson, M. P. P., in which that gentleman expressed his regret on being unable to be present.

Capt. A. W. Currie, who was present with Mrs. Currie, responded on behalf of Miss Currie and in most fitting terms intimated Miss Currie's and his own appreciation of the kindness extended, and thanked one and all for the good wishes expressed.

After a short but telling speech from A. Munro and a few words from Rev. Mr. Wright, an impromptu programme was gone through, in which Mrs. Geo. Simpson, Miss E. Brethour, Mr. and Mrs. Critchley and W. Wain very kindly participated. Not the least of the many excellent features on the programme was the flower drill performed by a number of the young ladies of Sidney.

Great credit is due to the committee of arrangements to whose indefatigable efforts much of the success of the affair is to be ascribed.

TOLSTOI AND HIS SONS.

London Truth.

Tolstoi the Great divided his real estate between his five sons before he set out on his reforming mission. In this way he protected it from confiscation in the event of exile. A mine has been found on the estate of Leo, which makes him the richest member of the family. None of the brothers resembles the old Count. In Paris they follow the lead of Grand Dukes. One of them served as an officer in the war. They all like to belong to the heavy-swell class.

NUISANCE OF HANDSHAKING.

Portland Oregonian.

Handshaking of a President is a nuisance, a bore, a hardship, and a danger, and it seems to have been properly omitted for the ceremony of the reception of President Roosevelt at St. Louis. If the President inaugurates during this present term a needed reform by declining to shake hands at any public reception he will be sustained by sentiment. The popularity of the handshaker is not necessarily lasting, anyway.

Seeking Xmas Presents

A visit to our store and an examination of our large and beautiful stock will assist you in finding what you require for the coming holiday season, as we have goods at prices to suit all purses, and guarantee every article to be strictly as represented:

Watches from ..... $2.50 each
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Sterling Silver and Silver-Plated Ware, English Oak Goods, Ebony Toilet Articles, Leather Jewel Cases, Blotters, Pocket Books and Purses, and a variety of other articles both useful and ornamental, at very reasonable prices.

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Choicest Maple Syrup, Self-Raising Buckwheat, Xmas Groceries, Best and Cheapest.

Hardress Clarke

...86 DOUGLAS STREET...

SEAL FUR SOLD IN LONDON TO-DAY

CABLE ADVICES TELL OF PRICES REALIZED

Minnesota Should Reach Victoria Next Tuesday—City of Seattle's Repairs About Complete.

By several dollars the highest prices realized on Victoria, British Columbia, seal fur in many years was secured today in London, England. Cable advices to local sealers has created a feeling of jubilation putting a different complexion on the financial returns of the year's industry to that which the most sanguine had anticipated. There can be no doubt but that the limited supply of the fur on the market in consequence of the temporary suspension of the Japanese hunting operations has had an important influence in affecting quotations.

The good prices received will make the season the most profitable the Victoria Sealing Company has had since its organization. Up to the present the company has been working under difficulties, and with repeated small catches and poor prices has not been as successful as those responsible for its organization had expected. The news received to-day though will tend to lend fresh encouragement for the preparations to be made for another year.

The annual meeting of the association is to be held on the 23rd inst., by which time the detailed advices will have been received respecting the sale in London to-day. The cables now to hand state that the prices obtained for the coast skins was £4 6d., and for the Behring Sea skins £3 17s. This is about 10 per cent. larger than the prices gotten last year.

MEDALLIST LOCATED.

"John Lawrie, able seaman, about whom inquiries were instituted by the collector of customs of Vancouver for the marine department of the Board of Trade, London, England, has been located; that is approximately speaking," says the Vancouver Province. "Lawrie is to be the recipient of a handsome medal for lifesaving, awarded by President Roosevelt of the United States, and forwarded by him to London to be sent to the man for whom it is intended. Lawrie is at present a member of the crew of the Dominion government fisheries cruiser Kestrel, which is now on a lengthy cruise up the coast. The Kestrel is expected to be back in this port about Christmas, when Lawrie will be informed of the recognition awaiting him for his plucky action of a couple of years ago. Lawrie shipped on the Kestrel at the end of August after receiving his discharge from R. M. S. Empress of China on which vessel he had served for some time. The medal was awarded for plucky services rendered by Lawrie to the shipwrecked crew of the American schooner Magic, on June 25th, 1903.

A former shipmate of Lawrie's, who left the Kestrel about the time Lawrie joined, supplied the information as to the latter's whereabouts."

AT SAN FRANCISCO.

The steamship Minnesota will leave San Francisco for Victoria probably tomorrow, in which event she should reach William Head on Tuesday. A St. Paul dispatch of December 14th says: "The official party which will greet the big steamer Minnesota, of the Great Northern Steamship Company, at Seattle, will include most of the heads of departments of the Great Northern railroad, but owing to the change in the state administration few of the state officials will have the opportunity to hail the big ship. James J. Hill will probably be there, and L. W. Hill, vice-president of the road, who is now in Montana, will certainly attend the ceremonies. Joseph W. Blabon, vice-president and head of the traffic department; F. I. Whitney, general passenger agent; F. E. Ward, general manager, and A. H. Hogeland, chief engineer, will be among the party. The commencement of the loading of the ship will take place at Smith Cove dock, January 2nd, and will be completed in time to take on board the passengers January 21st, when the first transpacific voyage of the Minnesota will commence."

THE CITY OF SEATTLE.

To-morrow evening it is expected that the repairs on the steamer City of Seattle will be complete, and that the ship will be ready to return to the Sound to enter upon her new run between Seattle and Vancouver. The vessel has been on the Esquimalt Marine railway nine days, and her early return to the Sound in a good state of repair will stand as a good advertisement for the shipyards of this city.

MARINE NOTES.

The steamer Hyades left the Sound yesterday with a full general cargo for points in the Orient. The value of her freight at Tacoma was $22,873, and that from Seattle $27,418.

A steamer is en route to Victoria from San Francisco with the balance of the cement for the work to be done on the C. P. R. hotel foundation by the B. C. General Contract Company.

The steamer Amur arrived at Ladysmith this morning, and will reach Victoria this evening.

The B. C. Salvage Company have not yet decided on repairing the steamer Boscowitz. The vessel is on the Star ways, but for the timebeing is only there for safe keeping.

Steamer Umatilla is due from San Francisco on Sunday night. The vessel was to leave the Golden Gate at 11 o'clock this morning.

BELLA COOLA NOTES.

(Special Correspondence of the Times.)

Bella Coola, Dec. 5.—V. M. Scribner, of Spokane, has just arrived from Ootsa lake, where he has taken up land. Mr. Scribner went into the district during the spring, and after a month's stay there returned here at the time J. R. Anderson, deputy minister of agriculture, visited Bella Coola. On his return to the lake district he was commissioned by Mr. Anderson to make a full and complete report on its agricultural possibilities. This Mr. Scribner has done, and will, on his way home, present it to the department at Victoria.

The Bella Coola Liberal Association held an executive meeting on November 26th, and fully discussed the requirements of the district, which will be called to the attention of Wm. Sloan, M.P.. The annual meeting of this association will be held on December 10th.

The steamer Swan arrived to-day, bringing mail and half a dozen passengers destined for the Ootse lake district. There will be some people going in through Bella Coola to that country all winter, and the provincial government must make some provision for a better trail.

—Electric Fixtures. Hinton Electric Co.

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Suggestions for Gifts on every hand
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IN THE ROTUNDA—Exposition of artistic pieces of

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... An Important Sale of ...

MEN'S OVERCOATS

On Saturday we place on sale Men's $12 50 and $15.00 Overcoats, each for **$8.75**

All of the very newest materials and latest cut, belted back, wide shoulders, Etc.

More Xmas Belts

Arriving To-day.

Fancy Crinkled Paper

For Lamp Shades, 30c. piece.

Coats for Baby

Eiderdown Coats at $1.50 and $2.50.

Bearskin Coats from $3.50 to $7.50.
Infants' Wool Jackets, 65c. to $1.75.
Infants' Booties, Bibs and Infantees.

Infants' Muslin Dresses, $3.50 to $15.00.

Silk Waists

At Money Saving Prices.

White Jap Silk Waists, values $7.50 and $8.75. To-day $5.00.

Many styles at $10.00, $12.50 and $13.50. To-day $7.50.

Fancy Shoes for Baby

Patent Leather, with straps, Chocolate.

Brown and Blue combinations, Black and White, and several others.

All styles in Lace and Button, 50c. pair.

This Season's Opera Cloaks

Much Under the Regular Values.

Ribbed Underwear Arrives To-Day and Ready for Selling

Infants', long sleeves, price 35c.
Infants' Cashmere, long sleeves, 65c.
Cashmere Drawers, 65c.
Infants' open-front Vests, 40c.
Women's Cashmere Corset Covers, 40c.
Women's long sleeve, fine ribbed Vests, 90c.
Women's Drawers to match, 85c.
All sizes in Children's and Women's.

Children's Day Saturday, in the Toys Department.

Deaville Sons & Company

High-Class Grocers — Hillside and First St.

We wish our customers "A Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year."

The following goods are offered at popular prices:

SEEDLESS RAISINS .....
CLEANED CURRANTS .....
NEW DATES .....
CORN STARCH .....

3 lbs for 25c

MIXED PEEL .....
MINCE MEAT (HOME-MADE) .....
NEW FIGS .....
PURE LARD .....

2 lbs for 25c

Xmas Cakes, Pork Pies, &c., &c.

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For Sale Everywhere.
Every Cigar Branded.

Don't take anything "just as good."
Avoid everything "better."
The Mainland and British Lion Cigars cost from $5.00 to $15.00 per thousand more than any other Ten Cent Cigar on the market.

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A special shipment of elegant bon-bons and novelties. Call and inspect.
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Gas and hot water fitting. Especial attention given to jobbing work.

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Gift Brushes

Beautiful backs and bristles that "stay in" as long as there is any brush. Many different kinds from which to choose—at as many different prices.

Special values.

Brushes that will always be a pleasant reminder of the giver.

Look at them.

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CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

—Electrical Xmas Gifts. Hinton Electric Co. *

—Take in a supply of "SLAB WOOD" before the wet weather sets in. To be had at Lemon, Gonnason & Co.'s mills. Telephone 77. Prompt delivery. *

—H. H. Abbott, 86 Government street, is the man to see before purchasing your tickets to the Old Country. He is agent for all lines. *

Lever's Y-Z (Wise Head) Disinfectant Soap Powder is better than other soap powders, as it also acts as a disinfectant. 24

STEAMER "WHATCOM."

Victoria to Seattle.
Single fare 2.00.
Round trip $3.50.
Daily except Sunday, 8 p.m.

—$2.00 Pocket Lights, Hinton Electric Co. *

—The Victoria Creamery Association wishes to inform their patrons that they have been fortunate enough to engage a thoroughly up-to-date buttermaker from the Eastern dairy schools, thereby guaranteeing better butter than ever. Patronize home industry, and keep your money in your own town. *

LOOK QUICK!!

See what we are offering you. A full ounce of beautiful Perfume for 25c. Five odors, Fleur de Lis, Heliotrope, Crabapple, Hyacinthe and Heather. Let us send it for you.

FAWCETT'S FAMILY DRUG STORE,
Phone 630. Cor. Douglas St. and King's Rd.

—? ? ?—Settle the Xmas. present question by having a dozen portraits taken at the Skene Lowe studio. *

DIAMONDS

We have a pair of Diamond Earrings, perfect in quality, weighing 4 karats and 1-16. If bought at once will take $650.

W. B. SHAKESPEARE
THE JEWELLER.
31 GOVERNMENT ST.

—Electric Fixtures. Hinton Electric Co. *

—Fire, Life, Marine and Accident Agency, Travelers' Life and Accident Insurance Company Tickets 25c. a day. Lowest rates for marine insurance on hulls or cargo. Agency, Lloyd's underwriters. Office, Wellington Coal; agency, Atlantic S.S. lines. Hall-Goepel Co., 100 Government St. Tel. call 83. *

—Go to the Senate saloon for oyster cocktails. *

COME NOW

Don't put off your Xmas shopping. The time is limited.

WE HAVE IT! Suitable gifts for all at greatly reduced prices.

B. C. DRUG STORE,
27 Johnson Street, Near Store.
PHONE 356. J. TEAGUE.

—Electric Table Lamps. Hinton Electric Co. *

—Holiday Pictures.—A fine collection of photographic reproductions of art masters, exhibited in the National and Walker art galleries, England. We have had these framed in one of our newest mouldings, and they make charming little pictures. Priced at $2.75, $3.50 up to $10 each, at Weiler Bros. *

—Christmas cards are having a big run this time of the year, and the great point in making a selection is to choose those that are most appropriate. As will be seen in an advertisement in these columns, Mrs. J. T. Higgins, of 42 Fort street, is furnishing a hand painted card called "The Envelope," because of its form. It is both novel and artistic, and having on its face representations of the wild flowers of the province is bound to attract attention.

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6 ROOMED HOUSE AND 2 LOTS

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Garden with fruit trees. Lots measure 52x120 feet each.

$1,000 CASH

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Regular prices from $30 to $40. The Best Ever Shown in the City. JUST A FEW LEFT—AT

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MERCHANT TAILOR,
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Handsome Residence

Fine new residence, beautiful situation, sewer, electric light and fixtures, and all modern conveniences. If you want a home it will pay you to investigate this.

Store or office to let in MacGregor Block.

Fire and Life Insurance.
Money to Loan.

Grant & Conyers

NO. 2 VIEW ST.

—Victoria lodge, No. 1, I. O. O. F., will to-night confer the first degree on one brother, who has been initiated and become a member.

—The funeral of the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Police, of St. Louis street, took place yesterday afternoon. Rev. Father Laterme conducted religious services.

—Complaint has been made to the police of the glass breaking propensities of youths on lower Belcher street, the object of their attention being the new residence for Mrs. Clay. Contractor Catterall is offering a reward of $10 for their apprehension.

—An interesting address on X-rays and radium was delivered by Bro. C. E. Stevens, of Dominion Lodge, No. 4, last evening at I. O. O. F. hall. There was a large attendance and the lecture was not only entertaining but most instructive. At the close Mr. Stevens was tendered an unanimous vote of thanks.

—The South Victoria license commissioners met yesterday and granted the following renewals: J. W. Rowland, Burnside hotel; Arthur Slater, Royal Oak hotel; J. Chamberlain, Willows hotel; E. M. Ewing, Victoria Gardens hotel; John A. Virtue, Oak Bay hotel; John Camp, Prairie hotel, Saanichton.

—Applications are being invited by the city clerk for the position of clerk of the police court. They will be received until Monday next at 4 p. m. The applications must be accompanied by testimonials and references, and applicants are requested to state whether they are stenographers or not. The salary will be $65 per month.

—H. G. Robinson, accompanied by J. J. Kelly, of the Marconi Wireless Telegraph Co., has arrived in town, bringing a complete working set of instruments. Mr. Robinson will give lectures and exhibitions of wireless telegraphy at the Institute hall this evening at 8 o'clock, to-morrow afternoon at 2.30, and to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock.

—To-morrow afternoon two matinees will be given at the Grand theatre on Johnson street, beginning at 2.30, at which only 5 cents will be charged for children and 10 cents for adults. No bill yet presented has given the satisfaction that Manager Jamieson's offering for this week is giving to large audiences daily. Advices from Vancouver state that Musliner's troupe of trained sheep and pigs, which are to be at the Grand next week, are making a great hit in the Terminal City.

—There seems to be good ground for the hope that the playgoing public of Victoria will raise a sufficiently large subscription to justify a return engagement of Miss Jane Corcoran, Andrew Robson and supporting company in "Pretty Peggy." The sum of $350 is required, and yesterday half of this was accounted for. Those who saw the performance of this piece last Monday night guarantee a splendid attraction, in fact one of the best that has been presented in Victoria in a long time.

—Formal notification of the coming municipal elections has been posted on the city hall bulletin board. Voting for mayor and school trustees will be conducted in the police court chamber on Thursday, January 12th, from 9 o'clock a.m. to 7.30 p.m., and for aldermen in the market building. The electors will also have an opportunity to say whether there shall be a new home for the aged and infirm, on the same day. Voting on this by-law will be held in the old fire hall adjoining the civic headquarters.

—Redman Flood, of the Ben Greet players, presenting the famous miracle plays "Everyman" and "The Star of Bethlehem," is in the city. The Times has already referred to the sensation the performance of these plays has created in the literary and dramatic circles of the United Kingdom and the States, but according to reports the success attending the company's western tour is fully equal to that which favored them in the east. "Everyman" will be given here on Tuesday, and "The Star of Bethlehem" on Wednesday. In view of the educative character of these performances it is expected that teachers and advanced pupils, particularly those of the High school, will avail themselves of this opportunity of witnessing them. In order to facilitate this Mr. Greet has arranged to admit those pupils at reduced rates. Principal Paul has the tickets that will entitle them to this reduction, and they may be obtained on application to him.

—For the best coal on shortest notice go to R. Daverne, coal and wood, 34 Blanchard street. Telephone, 97. *

—With every 50c. order of tea or coffee you get a Christmas present at Hallam & Wyndham, Ltd., 25 Government street, opposite post office. *

—Carbon photos, framed in Flemish oak and liberally burnished in leaf gold. A choice selection of subjects at Weiler Bros. One of these would make a handsome gift. *

THINKS SOLUTION IS NOW IN SIGHT

PROPOSAL TO SOLVE RESERVE QUESTION

Chairman Lugrin, of Board of Trade Committee, Discusses Ways and Means of Settlement.

As the public are interested in everything relating to the Songhees reservation, a Times reporter saw C. H. Lugrin, chairman of the joint committee, and asked him if he had anything to say in addition to the matters mentioned in his report to the Board of Trade. Mr. Lugrin said:

"The report of itself may not be of very great value, but it will, I think, be found useful because it in a sense clears the ground and shows the line along which work will have to be done to get this much discussed question settled. My own opinion is that a solution of it is in sight, and that no very great length of time will be necessary to bring it about. Eliminating the Indians from the case for the present, there are some points upon which we are all agreed. The E. & N. railway wants larger and more convenient terminal grounds; the people of Victoria want them to have such grounds; provision ought to be made whereby any other railway entering Victoria can have terminal accommodation, and also whereby the E. & N. and any other railway can reach the outer harbor; we want streets through the reservation and a highway bridge across the Arm south of the Point Ellice bridge; last, but not least, we want to secure the removal of the Indians to a place more suitable to them. The Dominion government is ready to make an arrangement whereby the part of the reservation above Point Ellice bridge will be handed over to the city for a park, the part below the railway will be used to provide the Indians with a new reservation, and the central portion will be sold and the proceeds be invested for the Indians. The E. & N. Railway Company appears to have a first claim to the land below the railway, provided they comply with certain conditions. I do not say that this is a strictly legal claim, but as it will undoubtedly be recognized by both the Provincial and Dominion governments, it is a factor that must be taken into account in attempting to arrive at a settlement, and in the view I take of the matter there is no reason why it should not be admitted.

"My proposal for the settlement of the question is that the city shall buy the central part of the reservation, that is the part between the two bridges. It will not be necessary at the outset to do more than reach an understanding with the Dominion authorities as to the price, for an agreement between the government and the city will be sufficient to enable the city to conduct the negotiations necessary to close the matter up. If this is done, the matter will stand thus: The city will have the twenty acres above the Point Ellice bridge for a park, and the eighty odd acres, I think it is, between the two bridges to use as it thinks best. The railway company will have the railway bridge, the land needed to extend Cormorant street to that bridge, and a right to acquire the land below the railway on certain conditions. It will surely not require any very elaborate amount of diplomacy to evolve out of these conditions a solution that will be perfectly satisfactory to the people of Victoria and the railway company.

"I would like to say that in my recent conversation with Mr. Dunsmuir on this subject, he showed every desire to see the question disposed of in a manner that will be to the advantage of the city, and that he was very far from exhibiting any desire to monopolize the terminal advantages afforded by the reservation.

"There remains the question of settling with the Indians. My understanding of their position is that they are not averse to removing from the reservation, but they think that in providing them a new home regard ought to be paid to the consideration that they make their living at the same employments as are followed by white people. They also think that any money that may be paid to them in consideration of their assenting to their removal ought to be in the hands of trustees, who are more accessible than the Indian department at Ottawa. To most people these contentions will appear reasonable.

"I believe that if anyone would make it his business to get this whole question disposed of, very little real difficulty wou'd be encountered and comparatively little time would be required."

CONCERT AT NORTH WARD.

Enjoyable Programme to Be Rendered There This Evening.

The teachers and pupils of North Ward school have made elaborate preparation for their library fund concert this evening. The electric lights lately installed are highly satisfactory, the decorations of the assembly room have been artistically arranged by a committee of pupils, and a very interesting programme has been prepared. The performance will begin at 8 o'clock sharp. Following is the programme:

Orchestra ..... Prof. Haynes
Military Drill.....Twenty Small Boys
Santa's Honeymoon..Twenty-two Children
Christmas Stockings.....Three Children
Motion Song.....Eighteen Girls
Sons of Canada ..... Eight Boys
Club Swinging ..... Eleven Girls
Violin Solo .....
Good-Night Song ..... Twenty Girls
The Statue of Justice (Longfellow)—
Recitation and Tableau .....
The Hockey Club—Tableau .....
Intermission.
Dumb-Bell Drill ..... Fifteen Boys
Christmas Fairies—Song and March...
..... Seventeen Girls
Wave the Flag ..... Eighteen Boys
"Merchant of Venice," Trial Scene ...
Christmas Carol ..... Sixteen Girls
The Bar-Bell Drill ..... Twelve Girls
Solo ..... Mr. Waddington
The Football Team—Tableau .....

PERSONAL.

S. Nakano and Mrs. Nakano, of Cumberland; H. W. Wilson, of New Westminster; H. McLean, of Vancouver; V. M. Scribner and Lewis H. Evans, of Otsa Lake, are in the city. They are among the guests at the Dominion hotel.

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"Among the latest arrivals from Canada are Charles Wilson, attorney-general of British Columbia, and O. C. Bass, of Victoria, British Columbia, who are staying together at the Craven hotel, Strand."—London World.

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Capt. H. H. Marston Beadnell, late of H. M. Royal Welch Fusiliers, with Mrs. Beadnell and daughter, who have passed some days at the Balmoral, left for Cowichan, their future residence, to-day.

A. L. Belyea, K. C., K. J. Scholefield and C. W. Busk were among the passengers from Vancouver last evening by the steamer Princess Victoria.

Mrs. F. Richards and child, of Port Essington, and W. A. Smith, of Port Simpson, arrived from the North by the steamer Tees Wednesday evening. They are registered at the Dominion hotel.

Rev. J. B. Good, of Nanaimo; E. J. Connor and D. G. Darby, of Seattle; and Geo. E. Slatin and F. Thompson, of Vancouver, are at the Victoria hotel.

SCHOOLS CLOSED TO-DAY.

Teachers and Pupils Dispersed for Christmas Holidays This Afternoon.

The Victoria public schools closed for the Christmas vacation this afternoon. The usual routine exercises were taken up everywhere, with the exception of Victoria West, where an excellent programme, consisting of musical selections, recitations, etc., was rendered by the pupils. All schools, however, were thrown open to those who wished to watch the children at their studies on the last day of the term. Many took advantage of this, and, needless to say, were cordially welcomed by the teachers. At the usual time this afternoon the students were dismissed, having been informed that school would reassemble again on the 3rd of January.

In most cases the parting of the teachers and children was marked by an exchange of Christmas cards, together with the customary greetings. Many of the strict rules of discipline were abandoned and a pleasant day was spent, visitors, teachers and children combining to make the occasion a memorable one.

The closing exercises at Victoria West this morning attracted a large crowd. Trustee Beaumont Boggs, who was in attendance, gave a brief address, congratulating both teachers and pupils upon the progress made during the past term. The programme, as stated, included musical selections and recitations by the children, and showed signs of careful arrangement. Everything taken into consideration, the entertainment proved most successful.

This afternoon exercises are in progress at Central school. Pemberton gymnasium was elaborately decorated for the occasion, and it goes without saying that the entertainment will prove an unqualified success. To-night school concerts are announced to take place at North Ward school and Semple's hall, Victoria West.

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TO-MORROW'S ATTRACTIONS.

Hockey—Victoria vs. Vancouver ladies, at 1.30 o'clock, at Oak Bay. Victoria vs. Vancouver gentlemen, at 2.45 o'clock, on same grounds.

Association Football—Garrison vs. Bonaventure, at 3 o'clock, at Canteen grounds. Victoria United vs. Capitals, intermediate league, at 3 o'clock, at Oak Bay. Victoria West vs. St. Louis College, at 1.30 o'clock, at Beacon Hill. North Ward vs. High school, at 3 o'clock, on same grounds.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

TO ORGANIZE LEAGUES.

At last night's meeting of the Victoria District Association executive business of special importance was considered. No reply having been received to the president's communications to Ladysmith and Nanaimo, it was decided to proceed with the formation of a Vancouver Island league, and a meeting is to be held on Saturday evening for that purpose. There were delegates present from the Victoria United, Garrison, Victoria West and the Navy team. Rev. W. W. Bolton, the president, occupied the chair, and T. G. Wilson, the secretary, was also in attendance.

The minutes having been adopted, J. G. Brown reported that he had received a communication from Mr. Dakers, for whose benefit the matches of Thanksgiving Day were arranged, thanking the association for its kind action, but refusing the money raised on his behalf. Some discussion followed, and it was finally decided on motion that the $71 would be devoted to the purchase of a Vancouver Island league trophy.

In a brief address the chairman outlined what he had done towards bringing about the organization of an Island league during the past week. He submitted a communication which had been sent to Ladysmith and Nanaimo, and to which no reply had been received. This follows:

Victoria, Dec. 8th, 1904.

To the Secretary-Treasurer Association Football Club, Nanaimo, B. C.:

Dear Sir:—A joint resolution relative to football matters was forwarded to your own club and that of Ladysmith, through Mr. Freeman, by the secretary of the V. D. F. A., in the hope that it would come before your delegates on December 3rd. No reply having been received, and the need of immediate action being imperative, I am directed by the executive of the V. D. F. A. to write to you personally to request you to bring the matter of the formation of a Vancouver Island Football Association before your club. We shall be glad to hear:

1. If your club will fall in with the proposal.

2. If so, will your club name two delegates to attend a meeting for the purpose of forming a Vancouver Island football association.

3. Will it be convenient to your delegates to meet our delegates in this city; or would you prefer to meet us half-way at Duncans.

As we propose to have the series of games start at once after the 1st of January, we suggest the date of meeting to be Saturday evening, December 17th. In the event of no reply being sent to this communication by Wednesday next, the clubs in the V. D. F. A. will, albeit with much regret, have to proceed without your valuable co-operation.

Kindly address reply to Mr. T. G. Wilson, care of Turner, Beeton & Co., Wharf street, Victoria, B. C.

W. W. BOLTON,
President V. D. F. A.

It was then agreed that a meeting of delegates should be held on Saturday night, when the league would be formally organized.

Discussing the probable organization of a provincial league, it was considered advisable by the majority of those present to instruct the secretary to communicated with Mr. Timms, of the Mainland league, asking him to select three delegates to meet the same number of Island representatives in the near future. As soon as the Island league is formed this meeting will be called, and Rev. Mr. Bolton and others interested hope to see the two leagues in existence before the New Year.

It was decided that the junior match between the North Ward and Capital teams should be replayed on Monday, December 26th, on the Beacon Hill grounds.

The meeting then adjourned.

SEAMEN VICTORIOUS.

At the canteen grounds yesterday afternoon a match was played between the stokers and seamen of H. M. S. Bonaventure. It was won by the latter, the score being 3 goals to 1. Owing to the recent wet weather good playing was difficult, but still the sailors gave a fairly good exhibition. Messrs. Gadd, Abbie and Gallagher played well for the victors, while Lieut. Wharton, Baxter and Lord were the most noticeable among the stokers' eleven.

EXHIBITION CONTEST.

An exhibition match will be played between the Garrison and H. M. S. Bonaventure teams at 3 o'clock to-morrow afternoon at the canteen grounds.

A LEAGUE MATCH.

The Victoria-United and Capital intermediate teams will play a league game to-morrow afternoon at Oak Bay. This is the first of the series. Play commences at 3 o'clock promptly, and the respective teams follow:

Victoria-United—Goal, A. Cope; full-backs, J. McArthur and M. Blackburn; half-backs, C. Wilson, G. Simpson and W. Kinlock; forwards, McDougall, Jameson, Gibson, P. Haslam and Winsby.

Capitals—Goal, Loveridge; full-backs, Ross and Temple; half-backs, Peden, Scott and Clark; forwards, Cowper, McKitrick, Irwin, Bayliss and Gregg.

AT BEACON HILL.

The St. Louis College and Victoria West teams will play a league game commencing at 1.30 o'clock to-morrow afternoon at Beacon Hill, and L. Tait will act as referee. The St. Louis College team follows: Goal, Smith; full-backs, Robins and Gamble; half-backs, Locke, Knox and Nesbitt; forwards, Sweeney, McArthur, Haynes, Robinson and Brown.

A JUNIOR GAME.

At Beacon Hill to-morrow afternoon the North Ward and High school will try conclusions. The match commences at 3 o'clock, and C. Goodenough will referee.

GOLF.

MONTHLY COMPETITION.

Yesterday at Macaulay Point the United Service Golf Club's monthly mixed foursome competition took place. It resulted in a tie between Mr. Ellison and Miss Bell, with 77-13-64, and F. S. Barnard and Miss Eva Loewen, with 76-12-64. Appended are the detailed scores:

	Score.	Hep.	Tl.
Mr. Ellison and Miss Bell..	77	13	64
Mr. F. S. Barnard and Miss G. Loewen	76	12	64
Col. and Mrs. Jones	72	7	65
Major and Mrs. Bland	83	18	65
Mr. Rithet and Mrs. Genge.	80	15	65
Mr. Pooley and Miss V. Pooley	82	14	68
Commander Hunt and Mrs. Langley	74	5	69
Capt. and Mrs. Bunbury...	85	15	70
Mr. French and Mrs. Perry.	92	19	73
Mr. Spearman and Mrs. Becker	88	14	74
Commodore Goodrich and Miss Pooley	85	11	74
Mr. and Mrs. Hughes	95	21	74
Capt. Blandy and Miss Vernon	95	19	76
Capt. Parry and Miss Walsh.	106	23	83
Capt. and Mrs. Brady	107	19	88

Hon. F. Hood and Mrs. Lampman, Mr. Foll and Hon. Mrs. Hood, Mr. Genge and Mrs. Davidson—No returns.

HOCKEY.

VICTORIA v. VANCOUVER.

To-morrow afternoon the Victoria and Vancouver ladies' and gentlemen's teams will try conclusions at Oak Bay. These are the first league matches of the season.

The ladies will start their game at 1.30 o'clock sharp in order to finish the match in time to allow the men to take the field at 2.45 o'clock.

For the convenience of the large crowd expected a ten-minute car service has been arranged for the afternoon.

The teams were published in these columns previously. Both the local teams will be strongly represented. Last evening K. Scholefield arrived from Vancouver, and reports that the Terminal City players have been preparing for the games and are coming over prepared to win. Therefore those who attend are assured two excellent exhibitions. It is probable that H. Austin will act as referee.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the British Columbia league will be held this evening, commencing at 8 o'clock, at the Balmoral hotel.

HANDBALL.

AN INTERESTING GAME.

An interesting match was played at the J. B. A. A. gymnasium last evening between J. Hart and B. C. Pettingell and J. Hunter and A. Belyea. It was won by the former, the score being 21-8, 21-11. Through this victory Messrs. Hart and Pettingell have placed themselves on a par with the leading team, Messrs. Smith and Sutherland. The play-off between the two last teams mentioned should prove a splendid exhibition. R. C. Woods and D. Mowat defeated L. York and C. Pendray by a score of 21-6, 11-21, 21-7.

The standing of those participating in the tournament follows:

	Played.	Won.	Lost.
Smith and Sutherland	5	4	1
Hart and Pettingell	5	4	1
Jost and Finlaison	8	6	2
Jones and Jesse	6	4	2
Peden and Hughes	5	2	3
Hunter and Belyea	6	2	4
Smith and Beeching	6	2	4
Woods and Mowat	4	1	3
Kennedy and Andrews	2	0	2
York and Pendray	3	0	3

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

LEAVE TO-NIGHT.

This evening the Victoria juniors will leave for Vancouver to play the Terminal City junior fifteen to-morrow afternoon at the Brockton Point grounds.

THE INTERMEDIATE GAME.

According to a communication received from A. E. Duchesnay, secretary of the Vancouver intermediate team, the Terminal City fifteen would like to play their return match here on the 2nd of January. It is probable that Victoria will agree to that date.

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Pleasing Comic Opera Presented at the Victoria Theatre Last Night—Good Attendance.

The comic opera "Princess Chic," presented last evening, afforded an agreeable change from the general class of entertainment given at the Victoria theatre this season. It was probably this fact and the popularity of the opera here which accounted for one of the best houses seen at the theatre for several weeks.

The opera was produced under the direction of D. A. Bonta and W. C. Boyd, and was in the hands of a fairly capable company. It appears to depend on its tuneful and catchy music and on its many funny situations rather than on the ability of the soloists. Miss Sophie Brandt had the part of the Princess Chic, and put lots of vim into the character, singing a number of her lines admirably. She gave evidence of a very powerful voice, having reached the high note of D on one occasion, although betraying signs of over work. In the lower register her notes were prettily taken.

A good deal of the comedy fell to Jack Henderson, as steward to the Duke. Gus Vaughan was one of the familiar faces on the stage. He made a capital Duke of Burgundy, his voice being one of the best in the company. George W. Callam and Geo. A. Thomas appeared as soldiers of fortune, giving faithful interpretations of their parts, the latter using a pleasing bass voice with good effect. Tom Smith Martin, as Pommard, steward to the Princess, had a rather unique calling, for which his somewhat remarkable physique seemed so well adapted. Miss Caroline Lum, as Estelle, daughter of the chamberlain, was among the other leading characters and she created a good impression.

"The Middleman."

The Redmond Company presented the fine drama "The Middleman" before a large audience last evening. The piece was very capably staged, Mr. Redmond taking the part of Cyrus Bjenkarn in splendid style. In fact he never gave a better exhibition of his versatility. He was ably supported and the audience showed by their applause that they were most favorably impressed by the performance. "The Middleman" will be given to-night, at to-morrow's matinee and to-morrow evening.

Florence Roberts.

The appearance of Florence Roberts is one of the annual events in the dramatic world that the public always anticipates with unalloyed pleasure because they know that they will receive full value for their time and money and see something that they can enjoy. This season Miss Roberts comes with a great production of the intense emotional drama "Tess of the D'Urbervilles." She brings with her a notable supporting company, including Melbourne MacDowell, who is well remembered here as a star of the Sardou drama and who, from all accounts, is doing the most artistic work of his career as Alec D'Urberville. The press speak in the highest terms of the scenic production, which is complete in every detail. Miss Roberts will appear at the Victoria theatre on Monday night.

DAWSON NEWS.

Expedition Was to Start for Fort McPherson Yesterday—Northern Transportation Problem.

According to advices from Dawson the police patrol to be dispatched to Fort McPherson was to leave the former city yesterday. The police will be accompanied by two Indians. There will be three and possibly four policemen in the expedition besides the two Indians, and each will have a dog team of five animals, the Indians furnishing their own teams. The route lies via the Twelve-mile, and the teams will travel as light as possible, using steel shod toboggans exclusively. No tent will be taken nor will the loads be burdened with a stove, the party camping out every night after passing the Indian settlement at the head of the Twelve-mile. Two months the Indians declare will be required to make the trip each way, and the return of the party is not looked for until the middle of April.

J. H. Rogers, general agent of the White Pass railway at Dawson, is on his way to Victoria to spend a vacation with his family in this city. The Yukon World says that it is not unlikely that he may be summoned east by General Manager Newell for the purpose of consultation. In the probable event of the White Pass entering the Tanana it would either be necessary for a sub-port to be established at Chena where British bottoms could enter and be cleared, an operation that will be vigorously opposed by the American shipping, or boats of American register would have to be put on the run. The latter would be of easy accomplishment, as two of the White Pass fleet, the Mary Graff and Bonanza King, are of American manufacture and were only made into British bottoms upon their purchase from their former owners. Both are of immense carrying capacity, are light draught and have an abundance of power and would probably be sufficient to handle the company's business on that end of the line. If others were needed they would either have to be built or American bottoms would have to be purchased. If the company decides to branch out as suggested it would doubtless be greatly appreciated by Tanana merchants. By having a line from the coast running to Fairbanks without change shippers would be enabled to have through bills of lading issued, goods could pass through British territory in bond without a change of carriers, and a better freight rate could also doubtless be obtained than at present is possible.

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A suit involving more than $15,000,000, which has been in the courts for nearly thirty years, was decided Thursday in favor of the defendant, the city of New York, by a decision handed down by the United States Circuit court of appeals. The suit, which has become known as the "Campbell patent" suit, was brought against the city in 1877 by the heirs of a man named Knibes, engineer in the Troy fire department in 1860, for an infringement of a patent in the use of a relief valve on fire apparatus.

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REDUCED TO THE RANKS.

Chief of Police Miller of New Westminster to Receive Pay of Constable.

New Westminster, B. C., Dec. 15.—The results of the recent police investigation into the death of Mr. Geo. W. Gilley have been made known to-night. It was alleged that the chief of police was remiss in his duties.

The commissioners decided as follows: "That Chief Miller be reduced to the rank and pay of a constable at $60 per month.

"That Constable Johnson be acting chief pending the appointment of a new chief.

"That the resignation of Constable McKucher be accepted. That applications for a new chief be received up to December 27th."

INDIAN CONFESSES.

Vancouver, Dec. 14.—Tom Klem-en-ataneuh, the Indian, has confessed to killing a klootchman on September 9th.

At the preliminary hearing another Indian named Zunukwa swore that the accused took a small broad axe, concealed it under his clothing and started into the woods to meet the women. The accused warned the witness back, but he stood behind a tree and watched the whole proceeding. Zunukwa says the accused caught the woman by the neck and having stunned her by a blow with the axe cut her throat with a penknife and then took possession of one hundred dollars on her person.

Since this statement was made the accused has confessed along the same lines. He told Constable Wollacott that he would never go to Vancouver alive, and the policeman had been awake two days and nights with his eyes never off the Indian when the two arrived here this morning.

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HALIBUT FISHING FULLY DISCUSSED

BOARD OF TRADE TO GO FURTHER INTO IT

Committee Dealing With Songhees Reserve Reports on Subject and is Discharged.

The board of trade met last evening with President Pitts in the chair. At the commencement the president took occasion to explain that General Superintendent Marpole and Freight Manager Greer, of the C. P. R., had denied the rumors that their company was contemplating any changes in the matter of transportation.

The report of the fisheries committee of the council was read as follows:

Resolved, That after hearing the evidence of the local fishermen and of Mr. Starrett, manager of the New England Fish Co., this committee decides that the data at the present time available is insufficient to enable them to recommend the adoption at the present time of the clauses in Mr. Morley's resolution referring to the existing discrimination in favor of an alien company.

Beaumont Boggs, explaining for the committee which had gone into the question, stated that some of the fishermen had appeared before the committee. In consequence of the investigation Mr. Boggs said it had been decided to strike out all clauses which in any way stated that the New England Fish Company was discriminating against this city or against the fishermen of the province.

A letter was read by the secretary from C. F. Tason, Vancouver, suggesting that the board of trade communicate with the government recommending that before the permits be issued by the government, allowing of the New England Company shipping in bond through Canada, that the whole matter be investigated.

A letter addressed to C. W. D. Clifford, M. P. P., from Geo. Marchand, was read by Mr. Boggs. It was as follows:

Alhambra Hotel, Vancouver,
December 12th, 1904.

Mr. C. W. D. Clifford, M. P. P.:

Dear Sir:—Excuse me for taking the liberty of writing to you, but I have just read your speech at the Board of Trade meeting as printed in the Colonist. You were perfectly right in saying the boats fished within the 3-mile limit, for I have been on the fishing ground last winter for 17 days as master of the steamer Unican, and fished with them when the weather permitted, and a person has to be there to know how the halibut fishing is carried on, and the destruction of fish that is carried on. I suppose you know the fishermen are paid so much a fish, and they have to be over a certain size. I have stood on deck watching the fishermen hauling their lines, and sometimes the run of fish will be small, and perhaps for three, four or five hooks in succession the fish is small; the fisherman knowing they will get nothing for them, he just swings the line over his head, the fish comes down on the gunwale of the dory and comes off the hook and back into the sea. Then, again, sometimes there will be a very large one on the hook, and the dory is pretty well loaded. I have seen them cut off the hook because they would load the dory too much. I was not surprised to see that Mr. Spratt did not think there was any fishing going on inside the 3-mile limit, as the captain of the Kestrel had told him he had never seen any; but we all know the captain of the Kestrel can see nothing. But I have been in company with American vessels, and fished inside that limit, and one day our dories were so close together that I mistook one of their dories for one of our own, until I got close to it and saw my mistake. I had just returned from the fishing ground last February, and read you had spoken about the halibut fishing in the House, and I intended to see you, but before I had a chance the House dissolved. There is a lot to know about this halibut fishing, and I would like to see it preserved for our own people and Canadian vessels used. The way it is now, if a captain or engineer is wanted on either the New England or Kingfisher, the two New England Company's boats, you must be an American citizen. I hope to see you some time before the local House meets again, and I can tell you a good deal about the halibut fishing.

GEORGE MARCHANT.

A. J. Morley regretted that the evidence given by the fishermen was not in condensed form for the meeting. The promptitude with which Mr. Starrett, of the New England Fish Company, appeared in the city prompted a suspicion that the company was afraid of the results. In perusing the evidence Mr. Morley alluded to a number of points made by the fishermen. One of these was that the New England Fish Company fished at all seasons. Mr. Starrett, in his evidence, had stated that all the fish was caught outside of the three-mile limit. On the fish sold in Canada, caught in American bottoms, duty was paid. The fishermen got about $2,000 a year. There was paid out for herring bait in one year $1,500. If the company removed to Whatcom Mr. Starrett said the company could still use Canadian harbors.

Mr. Morley thought that further investigation should follow, and the government should be asked to do this, according to Mr. Starrett's evidence.

A letter was read from an experienced fisherman saying that something should be done to protect the Canadian fishermen. He recommended that the fullest investigation should take place before the permits were renewed.

Mr. Morley thought a committee should be appointed to go fully into the subject. He thought that the permit should not be issued by the government to the New England Company except by the month, until the matter was fully investigated. He moved in this direction.

Jas. Grant favored the fullest investigation.

Then a question of procedure came up. It was explained that the resolution moved by Mr. Morley last week had been referred to the council to investigate. The council had referred the matter to the fishing committee to take the evidence.

It was stated by President Pitts that the council had instructed the secretary to communicate with the department at Ottawa recommending a full investigation.

Mr. Morley held that the action of the council was outrageous. It had no right to make such a recommendation to Ottawa before reporting the matter to the board. Mr. Morley said he was not stating in his original resolution that there was discrimination against local fishermen. He simply stated that this discrimination was alleged only.

C. H. Lugrin referred to the importance of the subject. He had himself taken up the subject, and had mentioned it to Prof. Prince when he was out here. The latter had said he would mention it at Ottawa on his return, but appeared to have never had the subject brought to his attention before. He thought that it might be better to recommend the government to investigate the whole matter.

Mr. Morley differed from this. He thought it would be better for the board to get all the evidence possible and then the government would have to investigate the matter.

T. W. Paterson, M. P. P., said there was a great deal of misunderstanding in this matter. The fishing banks were in neutral waters. If the New England Company fished within the three-mile limit then the Kestral should stop it. But if a foreign company caught its fish in neutral water, bought its supplies in Canada, employed its men in Canada and shipped over a Canadian railway, then the more of these companies they could get to do this the better. If they put obstacles in the way of such a company they would soon find the New England Company removing to the United States. There were American companies operating mills in this province. Why was this subject not taken up as well as the other? Unless it could be shown that an injury was being done to Canadian interests it would be an unwise thing to interfere with such a company. The only evidence that the company fished within the three-mile limit was the statement of one man that ten years ago he had seen an instance of this.

Mr. Lugrin thought that the question of what the permit referred to carried with it should be decided. He favored giving time to investigate this subject.

Mr. Boggs said that he understood that this permit allowed of the company to ship fish caught on the high seas in bond through Canada, and also the right to purchase bait in Canadian ports.

Mr. Paterson pointed out that it would be unwise to base a recommendation to the government on the ground that so and so had said to so and so that such and such was a case. There should be good grounds for making recommendations by a deliberative body.

A motion moved by W. J. Hanna in favor of giving the committee further time to consider the question was carried.

Mr. Grant objected that the motion was out of order.

The question was discussed whether the motion of Mr. Hanna was an amendment to Mr. Morley's, which favored recommending the government to grant the permit to the New England Company from month to month, until the subject was investigated.

W. T. Oliver advised that there should be no friction. The council had technically exceeded its right in forwarding the resolution to Ottawa without first referring the subject to the board. He hoped they would agree to refer the matter to the committee to further investigate it.

This was agree to, and Mr. Morley offered to the committee for its assistance a second resolution. It was as follows:

Whereas, the halibut and other deep sea fisheries of the Canadian Pacific are of even greater importance to the Dominion than the salmon industry, and if systematically developed are capable of supporting a large additional white population on this Coast; and

Whereas, through lack of knowledge of conditions and more particularly of means of concentrating, storing and marketing the products, the industry is in a comparative state of non-development;

Be it resolved, That the Dominion government be urged to appoint a practical expert:

1. To make a complete study and survey of the fisheries, and of the industry as it now exists.

2. To make a similar study and survey of available markets and means of transportation.

3. Of a system of co-operative storing, curing and marketing fish under similar encouragement and supervision as in dairying, etc., to enable the individual fisherman to benefit equally with his larger competitor in the disposal of his products.

C. H. Lugrin then reported for the committee dealing with the Songhees Indian reserve. The report was as follows:

Gentlemen:—The joint committee of the city council and Board of Trade appointed to take into consideration all matters relating to the Songhees Indian reservation beg to report as follows:

In the year 1901 the Hon. James Dunsmuir, as Premier of British Columbia, submitted to the government of Canada, inter alia, a proposal in reference to the above reservation, a copy of which is hereto annexed and marked "A," to which proposal a reply was received, a copy of which is hereto annexed and marked "B."

Your committee waited upon Hon. Mr. McBride, Premier of British Columbia, and the Hon. Mr. Tatlow, finance minister, and were informed by them that the letter, of which a copy is annexed and marked "B," was the last communication on file with the provincial government in regard to the reservation.

Your committee had a subsequent interview with the Hon. Mr. McBride, in the course of which he suggested that it might be advisable for the committee to consult with Mr. James Dunsmuir for the purpose of ascertaining if he made any claim to any part of the reservation on behalf of the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company.

Your committee directed the undersigned to wait upon Mr. Dunsmuir as suggested by Mr. McBride, and requested His Worship the Mayor to accompany the undersigned.

The undersigned, in company with the Mayor, therefore called upon Mr. Dunsmuir on the 13th inst., and in the course of the interview Mr. Dunsmuir stated substantially as follows:

About the time the E. & N. railway was completed, and when the late Sir John Macdonald was in Victoria, an arrangement was entered into between Sir John and the late Hon. Robert Dunsmuir, as president of the E. & N. Railway Company, whereby the company was to acquire the whole Songhees reservation for the sum of $60,000, on condition that he obtained the consent of the Indians to their removal to another reservation, and that Mr. Robert Dunsmuir had certain negotiations with the Indians in order to obtain their consent. After the death of Mr. Robert Dunsmuir, he, Mr. James Dunsmuir, and Mr. Alexander Dunsmuir continued negotiations with the Indians, but without reaching any definite conclusion.

In the year 1901, and concurrently with the correspondence hereto annexed, an understanding was reached between Mr. Dunsmuir and the Minister of the Interior, by which Mr. Dunsmuir was to furnish the new reservation and receive in exchange the land south of the railway to be used by the railway company for terminal purposes, but Mr. Dunsmuir was to secure the consent of the Indians to their removal, but no progress has yet been made in that direction.

Mr. Dunsmuir wishes to carry out the understanding above mentioned, and if he is able to do so the railway company will remove its offices and terminal grounds to the land that will be thus acquired, and thereafter the trains of the E. & N. railway will not come to the east side of the harbor. In that case the railway company will be prepared to negotiate with the city for the sale of the railway bridge and such part of the present terminal grounds as the city may wish to purchase.

The committee have endeavored to effect an arrangement whereby the city council of Victoria would be substituted for the provincial government in carrying out the arrangement referred to in the letter marked "B" and hereto annexed, but have no reason to believe that such an arrangement can be effected.

The committee are of the opinion that negotiations ought to be forthwith undertaken on behalf of the city with the proper parties for the purpose of reaching an agreement with the railway company as to the reservation, the railway bridge, and the terminal grounds north of the harbor; but they do not think such negotiations can be advantageously carried on by such a body as the present committee.

The committee therefore recommend that the city council be requested to appoint a special committee to deal with the matter and that this committee be discharged.

"A."

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 2nd, 1904.

Proposal re Songhees Reserve.

(1) The Dominion of Canada to surrender, absolutely, to the province all their rights to the nineteen acres set for the use of the Esquimalt & Nanaimo railway as a right of way; and to so much of that part of the Songhees reserve as lies north of the present travelled Esquimalt road and east of the Craigflower road.

(2) The Dominion of Canada to be authorized to sell the residue of the reserve and apply the proceeds, together with such moneys as they have in hand attached to this reserve, to the rehabilitation of the Songhees Indians upon another reserve satisfactory to the Dominion, to be provided for by the province, the province to have the reversion in any surplus available over and above the cost of such rehabilitation.

"B."

Ottawa, 13th June, 1901.

Dear Sir:—Referring to your letter of the 2nd February last with regard to the removal of the Songhees Indians from their reserve at Victoria, I beg to state that the Superintendent-General's understanding of the proposal which was made by you and Mr. Eberts at the time of your interview on this subject, was to the effect that the Dominion government would surrender absolutely to the province of British Columbia two portions of the reserve, one marked on the attached plan by an enclosing line in red, consisting of 25 acres, the other marked by a green line, consisting of 17¼ acres; that the remainder of the reserve would be sold, and the proceeds of the sale, together with the moneys already standing to the credit of the band would be utilized in removing and rehabilitating the Indians upon the new reserve, such reserve to be furnished by the provincial government free of cost in return for the land which the latter would receive, and the reserve to be satisfactory to the department. The Dominion government would under this agreement absolutely own the new reserve, but if there were any surplus moneys after rehabilitating the Indians, as proceeds of the old reserve, the province would retain its reversionary right to such surplus.

I would be glad if you would let me know if the above is a correct statement of the proposal made by your government in this relation as submitted to the Superintendent-General at the time that you discussed this matter with him. I may add that Mr. Sifton is desirous to have the matter settled on the lines suggested, and with that end in view Mr. Vowell, the Indian superintendent at Victoria, has been asked to take the necessary steps to have the arrangement carried out if possible. He will no doubt place himself in communication with you on the subject at once.

(Sgd.) JAS. A. SMART,
Deputy Supt.-General.

The Hon. Jas. Dunsmuir, Premier of British Columbia, Victoria, B. C.

Mr. Lugrin said that he recommended that this matter be taken up by some one having power to act. When he and Mayor Barnard waited on Mr. Dunsmuir neither of them felt that they could make a definite proposition. The E. & N. railway required larger terminal facilities.

Personally, Mr. Lugrin suggested that the city should approach the government for the purpose of purchasing for a lump sum the middle portion of the reserve, about 83 acres. The railway company might accept a part of the land south of the railway and part north of it, the city retaining the major portion of both sections, and thus being in a position to provide terminal facilities for other lines of railway.

The report of the committee was adopted, and a resolution passed recommending that the Mayor call a public meeting to discuss the subject.

A resolution dealing with the lumber industry was read and laid over until the next meeting of the board.

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A plan of the said proposed works and improvements, and a description by metes and bounds of the proposed sites of the same, has been deposited with the Minister of Public Works at Ottawa, and duplicates thereof have been deposited in the Land Registry Office at Victoria aforesaid.

Victoria, B. C., the first day of December, 1904.

FELL & GREGORY,
Solicitors for the said The Taylor Mill Company, Limited.

Notice is hereby given that I intend to apply to the Board of Licensing Commissioners at its next sitting for a transfer of the retail liquor license now held by me in respect of the premises situate on Lot 279, Victoria, known as the Hall Saloon, to Charles Tulk.

JOSEPH MAYER,
By His Attorney in Fact, A. W. Jones.
Victoria, B. C., Nov. 11th, 1904.

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Applications for the position of Clerk of the Police Court, accompanied by testimonials and references, will be received at the office of the undersigned until Monday, the 19th inst., at 4 p. m.

Applicants are requested to state whether they are stenographers or not.

Salary at the rate of $65.00 per month.

By order.

WELLINGTON J. DOWLER,
C. M. C.

City Clerk's Office,
Victoria, B. C., December 14th, 1904.

NOTICE.

We, the undersigned, being petitioners for the incorporation of the Districts of Victoria, Lake and South Saanich into a Municipality, hereby give notice of our intention to apply to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor in Council for Letters Patent under the Public Seal incorporating the Districts of Victoria, Lake and South Saanich into a District Municipality (excepting only such portions thereof as form Indian Reservations), under the name of The Corporation of the District of Saanich.

ANDREW STRACHAN.
J. STUART YATES.
JNO. G. ELLIOTT.

Land Registry Act.

In the Matter of an Application for a Duplicate Certificate of Title to Sub-Division No. 10 of Lot 121 A., Victoria City.

Notice is hereby given that it is my intention at the expiration of one month from the first publication hereof to issue a duplicate of the Certificate of Title to the above land, issued to Ellen Carroll on the 13th day of May, 1865, and numbered 1333.

S. Y. WOOTTON,
Registrar-General.

Land Registry Office, Victoria, B. C., 13th day of December, A. D., 1904.

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SYNOPSIS OF REGULATIONS FOR DISPOSAL OF MINERALS ON DOMINION LANDS IN MANITOBA, THE NORTH-WEST TERRITORIES AND THE YUKON TERRITORY.

Coal.—Coal lands may be purchased at $10 per acre for soft coal and $20 for anthracite. Nor more than 320 acres can be acquired by one individual or company. Royalty at the rate of ten cents per ton of 2,000 pounds shall be collected on the gross output.

Quartz.—Persons of eighteen years and over and joint stock companies holding free miners' certificates may obtain entry for a mining location.

A free miner's certificate is granted for one or more years, not exceeding five, upon payment in advance of $7.50 per annum for an individual, and from $50 to $100 per annum for a company, according to capital.

A free miner, having discovered mineral in place, may locate a claim 1,500x1,500 feet by marking out the same with two legal posts, bearing location notices, one at each end on the line of the lode or vein.

The claim shall be recorded within fifteen days if located within ten miles of a mining recorder's office, one additional day allowed for every additional ten miles or fraction. The fee for recording a claim is $5.

At least $100 must be expended on the claim each year or paid to the mining recorder in lieu thereof. When $500 has been expended or paid, the locator may, upon having a survey made, and upon complying with other requirements, purchase the land at $1.00 an acre.

Permission may be granted by the Minister of the Interior to locate claims containing iron and mica, also copper, in the Yukon Territory, of an area not exceeding 160 acres.

The patent for a mining location shall provide for the payment of a Royalty of 2½ per cent. of the sales of the products of the location.

Placer Mining.—Manitoba and the N. W. T., excepting the Yukon Territory.—Placer mining claims generally are 100 feet square; entry fee, $5, renewable yearly. On the North Saskatchewan River claims are either bar or bench, the former being 100 feet long and extending between high and low water mark. The latter includes bar diggings, but extends back to the base of the hill or bank, but not exceeding 1,000 feet. Where steam power is used, claims 200 feet wide may be obtained.

Dredging in the rivers of Manitoba and the N. W. T., excepting the Yukon Territory.—A free miner may obtain only two leases of five miles each for a term of twenty years, renewable in the discretion of the Minister of the Interior.

The lessee's right is confined to the submerged bed or bars of the river below low water mark, and subject to the rights of all persons who have, or who may receive, entries for bar diggings or bench claims, except on the Saskatchewan River, where the lessee may dredge to high water mark on each alternate leasehold.

The lessee shall have a dredge in operation within one season from the date of the lease for each five miles, but where a person or company has obtained more than one lease one dredge for each fifteen miles or fraction is sufficient. Rental, $10 per annum for each mile of river leased. Royalty at the rate of two and a half per cent. collected on the output after it exceeds $10,000.

Dredging in the Yukon Territory.—Six leases of five miles each may be granted to a free miner for a term of twenty years, also renewable.

The lessee's right is confined to the submerged bed or bars in the river below low water mark, that boundary to be fixed by its position on the 1st day of August in the year of the date of the lease.

The lessee shall have one dredge in operation within two years from the date of the lease, and one dredge for each five miles within six years from such date. Rental, $100 per mile for first year and $10 per mile for each subsequent year. Royalty, same as placer mining.

Placer Mining in the Yukon Territory.—Creek, gulch, river and hill claims shall not exceed 250 feet in length, measured on the base line or general direction of the creek or gulch, the width being from 1,000 to 2,000 feet. All other placer claims shall be 250 feet square.

Claims are marked by two legal posts, one at each end, bearing notices. Entry must be obtained within ten days, if the claim is within ten miles of mining recorder's office. One extra day allowed for each additional ten miles or fraction.

The person or company staking a claim must hold a free miner's certificate.

The discoverer of a new mine is entitled to a claim of 1,000 feet in length, and if the party consists of two, 1,500 feet altogether, on the output of which no royalty shall be charged, the rest of the party ordinary claims only.

Entry fee, $10. Royalty at the rate of two and one-half per cent. on the value of the gold shipped from the Yukon Territory to be paid to the Comptroller.

No free miner shall receive a grant of more than one mining claim on each separate river, creek or gulch, but the same miner may hold any number of claims by purchase, and free miners may work their claims in partnership by filing notice and paying fee of $2. A claim may be abandoned, and another obtained on the same creek, gulch or river, by giving notice and paying a fee.

Work must be done on a claim each year to the value of at least $200.

A certificate that work has been done must be obtained each year; if not, the claim shall be deemed to be abandoned, and open to occupation and entry by a free miner.

The boundaries of a claim may be defined absolutely by having a survey made and publishing notice in the Yukon Official Gazette.

Petroleum.—All unappropriated Dominion lands in Manitoba, the Northwest Territories and within the Yukon Territory are open to prospecting for petroleum, and the Minister may reserve for an individual or company having machinery on the land to be prospected an area of 1,920 acres for such period as he may decide, the length of which shall not exceed three times the breadth. Should the prospector discover oil in paying quantities, and satisfactorily establish such discovery, an area not exceeding 640 acres, including the oil well, will be sold to the prospector at the rate of $1 an acre, and the remainder of the tract reserved, namely, 1,280 acres, will be sold at the rate of $3 an acre, subject to royalty at such rate as may be specified by Order in Council.

JAMES A. SMART,
Deputy of the Minister of the Interior.
Dept. Interior.

Municipal Election, 1905.

Notice is hereby given that in order to qualify as voters at the forthcoming Municipal Election, either as license holders or householders, such persons are required during the month of December to make and subscribe before a Supreme or County Court Judge, Stipendiary or Police Magistrate, Commissioner for taking affidavits in the Supreme Court, Justice of the Peace or Notary Public, the statutory declaration provided by the "Municipal Elections Act."

This declaration may be made before Mr. W. W. Northcott, City Assessor, who is a Justice of the Peace in and for the City of Victoria, at his office, City Hall.

Assessed real estate owners are not required to make this declaration.

WELLINGTON J. DOWLER,
C. M. C.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 2nd, 1904.

NOTICE.

All mineral rights are reserved by the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company within that tract of land bounded on the south by the south boundary of Comox District, on the east by the Straits of Georgia, on the north by the 50th parallel, and on the west by the boundary of the E. & N. Railway Land Grant.

LEONARD H. BOLLY,
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Three men were killed and two others were so badly injured that they died an hour later, by an explosion of a boiler on the United States battleship Massachusetts at League Island navy yard, Philadelphia, on Friday. There were half a dozen men working in the boiler room when the explosion occurred.

DEMANDS IMMEDIATE TRIAL.

Russian Paper Says It Is Important That Capt. Clado Should Appear Before Commission.

(Associated Press.)

St. Petersburg, Dec. 16.—The Novoe Vremya to-day demands the immediate trial and complete rehabilitation of Captain Clado, and shows the vital importance of his presence in Paris as the most important witness at the international commission.

The paper also continues its campaign in favor of sending the Black Sea fleet through the Dardanelles.

The Russ prints a long leader arguing against this plan on the ground of the danger to Russia of the free entry of the foreign fleets into the Black sea.

ARBITRATION TREATY.

(Associated Press.)

Paris, Dec. 16.—Foreign Minister Delcasse announced at a cabinet meeting today the signing of a Franco-Swiss arbitration treaty similar to the Franco-British agreement.

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$2,000 WANTED—For purchase of printing plant; excellent opening for sleeping or active interest; ample security; 10 per cent. guaranteed, payable monthly. Address first instance P. O. Box 1?6, Victoria.

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$10 REWARD—For information leading to the conviction of the parties breaking glass in Mrs. Clay's new residence, corner Belcher street and Linden avenue. Thos. Catterall.

FOR SALE—Loan of $1,000 in the Victoria No. 2 Building Society. Flint & Co., 15 Trounce Ave.

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LOST—A brown cocker spaniel pup. Return to 154 Pandora street.

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The XV. Century Morality Play.

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A Miracle Play of the Nativity.

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BRANDON BOY'S DEATH.

Was Accidentally Shot by a Companion and Died in Hospital.

Winnipeg, Dec. 16.—Willie Winteringham, a Brandon boy aged 12, was shot in the abdomen by a rifle ball while out shooting with a companion yesterday. He died at Brandon hospital to-day.

—Steamer Princess Victoria left Vancouver at 1.25 o'clock, connecting with the Eastern train.

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30 pr Men's box calf lace, leather lined, 3.50, now - - - - - 2.95
25 pr Men's Waterproof, leather lined Bal. 5.00, now - - - - - 3.95
30 pr Men's good wear, Lace Boot, 2.00, now - - - - - - 1.25
17 pr Men's Patent Oxford, 2.00, now - - 1.50
29 pr Boys' Grain School Boots, 1 to 5, 1.50, now - - - - - - 1.20
55 pr Boys' Standard faster, 1 to 5, 1.65, now - - - - - - - 1.45
26 pr Youths' Strong School Boots, 10 to 13, 1.25, now - - - - - - - 1.00
GUARANTEED VALUE

30 pr Youths' Best Calf Bal., 11 to 13, 2.00, now - - - f - - - - 1.60
30 pr Ladies' Goodyear Welt, Kid Bal., 3.00, now - - - - - - - - 2.35
30 pr Ladies' Box Calf, 2.25, now - - - 1.85
30 pr Ladies' American Fine Boots, 4.00, now 3.00
30 pr Ladies' Kid Boot, 2.00, now - - 1.50
Children's Boots, low quantities, reduced prices.
Special--Men's Long Fishermen's Grain Boots, 7.50, now $5.95
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Special--Gum Boots, long, 15 pr., 5.50, now . $3.00
26 pr. Button Boots, 2.50 and 3.00, now . $1.50
24 pr. Girls' School Boots, (11 to 2), 1.35, now . $1.10
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FIGHT IN STREETS OF ST. PETERSBURG

STUDENTS AND WORKMEN CHARGED BY POLICE

Anti-Government Demonstration Led to Riot, During Which Many Men and Women Were Injured.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 11.—A popular anti-government demonstration, the participants in which included large numbers of students of both sexes, began at midday in the Nevsky Prospect, and lasted about two hours. Hundreds of police and mounted gendarmes, who were hidden in the court yard of the public buildings, emerged suddenly and charged the crowd at a full gallop, driving the demonstrators in headlong confusion and screaming with terror upon the sidewalks and into adjacent streets. This led to serious encounters, 50 persons being more or less severely wounded. Large numbers were arrested.

Not since the riots of 1901, when Cossacks stretched across the Nevsky Prospect from building to building, charged down the boulevard from the Moscow station to the Neva, has the Russian capital lived through such a day of excitement as this. The authorities last night got wind of the big anti-government demonstration planned for to-day by the Social Democratic Labor party to demand an immediate end of the war and the convocation of a national assembly, and leading every paper this morning, in blacked faced type, was an explicit

Warning to the People

at their peril to desist from congregating in the Nevsky Prospect, near the Kazan cathedral. At the same time extensive preparations were made to quell any disturbance by the massing of police and mounted gendarmes, but Fulton, chief of police, issued explicit directions to avoid harsh measures unless it should become absolutely necessary.

The newspaper warnings seemed to attract the whole population of the city to the broad thoroughfare. In throngs on the sidewalk were practically the whole student body of the capital, including many young women who have always been prominent in Russia in liberal revolutionary movements, and also thousands of workmen belonging to the Social Labor party.

Towards 1 o'clock the workmen and students seemed to swarm toward the corner of the Hotel Europe, opposite the Kazan cathedral. The police tried in vain to keep back the human tide. Then when there was not a single mounted policeman in sight, from the heart of the thickly wedged crowd

A Blood Red Flag

suddenly shot up. It was the signal. Other flags appeared in other parts of the crowd, waving frantically overheard, and they were greeted with a hoarse roar, "Down with autocracy." The students surged into the streets singing the "Marseillaise."

Dismounted police made a single attempt to force their way into the crowd to wrest the flags from the demonstrators, but the students and workmen armed with sticks stood close and beat back their assailants.

Then like a flesh from behind the cathedral came wheeling a squadron of gendarmes. The doors of adjoining courtyards were thrown back, and battalions of police came out. A double squadron charged the flank of the demonstrators with drawn sabres. Five other squadrons circled the mob, cutting through the fringe of spectators. The main wedge of the demonstrators stood fast only a moment or two. There was a sharp rattle of cudgels and sabres, though the wounds showed the police struck principally with the flat of their sabres. The

Women Were Especially Fierce

in their resistance. Many were struck and trampled, and blood streamed down their faces. The police urged their horses fiercely into the crowd, driving before them those who resisted.

The intense excitement lasted about 10 minutes, after which mounted officers kept the crowd moving.

Considering the sharp fight the rioters had put up the police acted humanely with the crowd. There were probably a hundred broken heads, and several were severely wounded, though none fatally so far as is ascertainable. So far there have been over 100 arrests.

The ferment continued all day and far into the night. Only one or two other abortive attempts were made at demonstrations.

To-night the students of the Politicnique and other institutes had meetings, at which fiery speeches were made in favor of reform and the convocation of a national assembly.

The greatest distress is expressed by conservative Liberals over the day's events, all declaring that just when the fate of the Zemstvo programme was in the balance, such

A Fruitless Outbreak

will be sure to prejudice every observer, and put the strongest weapon in the hand of the bureaucratic reactionaries.

That such demonstrations of the social Democratic Labor party are not confined to the capital is shown by a letter received here from a prominent Zemstovist in southern Russia, in which the writer says:

"The optimism with which we left St. Petersburg in beginning to vanish. The government is not showing a disposition to meet us half way and enter frankly on the path of reform.

"On the contrary there seems to be hesitation as to whether it would not be better to return to the reaction. The government seems unable to comprehend the real state of popular feeling. The people of this province are in a state of great excitement. Large meetings have taken place in many towns, and very specific resolutions have been adopted, but the bad feature of the situation is the attitude of the workingmen. Incited by the underground press of Geneva and Paris, who declare themselves in complete antagonism to the moderate demands of the Zemstvos, they proclaim a

Definite Socialist Programme,

declaring they want no political but socialist reform. It will therefore be the policy of the government, if it decides to concede nothing to us, to foster such dissensions between the Zemstvos and the labrr party. The government, confident of its ability to repress revolutionary attacks by force of arms and apprehending no real danger from the workingmen, can use their antagonism to us as an argument against the expediency of granting the reform demanded by the moderates, on the ground that they are not in real sympathy with the wishes of the people."

More Trouble Brewing.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 12.—St. Petersburg has resumed its wonted quiet after the excitement of yesterday. The press, without comment, print only a brief official account of the demonstration in the front of Kazan cathedral. Nevertheless, they are full of articles breathing demands for reforms, the Russ especially declaring that there can be no retreat, and openly advocates a parliamentary system in which the Upper House shall consist of members of the senate, council of the empire and council of ministers, and the Lower House of elected representatives of the Zemstvos.

Proclamations have been issued calling for a demonstration outside the law courts to-morrow at the opening of the trial of the assassin of Minister of the Interior Von Plehwe. The demonstrators have been instructed to come armed.

Stembok Fermor, the only Zemstvo president who refuses to sign the reform memorial, has resigned owing to criticisms of his colleagues.

VICE-REGAL PARTY REACHES OTTAWA

RECEIVED A HEARTY WELCOME AT CAPITAL

Mayor and Council Will Present Address Tuesday—Commercial Agent's Report on Woollen Trade.

Ottawa, Dec. 13.—Earl Grey, Canada's new Governor-General, Countess Grey and party got a hearty welcome upon their arrival at the capital to-day. It was ideal weather, in fact a typical Canadian winter day. The special train from Halifax reached here precisely at 11 o'clock. On the special train there were Hon. Wm. Patterson, Hon. L. P. Brodeur, Justices Sedgewick and Killam and several others. A large crowd assembled at the depot here. Among those present were Sir Richard Cartwright and Hon. R. W. Scott, the mayor and aldermen of Ottawa, and the headquarters militia staff, as well as the capital's leading citizens. Earl Grey was received by Sir R. Cartwright and Hon. Mr. Scott. There was a guard of honor from the Governor-General's footguards, and as soon as His Excellency stepped from the car the band of the regiment played "God Save the King, and a detachment of the Ottawa field battery fired a salute of 19 guns. Princess Louise Dragoon Guards furnished the mounted escort, which accompanied the vice regal party to Rideau Hall. Lady Evelyn and Lady Sybil occupied the first carriage, with Capt. Newton. Then followed Earl and Lady Grey and Col. Hanbury Williams. They were cheered as they drove along the streets to Government House. In the afternoon the mayor and city council will present an address of welcome.

Woollen Trade.

The commercial agent at Leeds, England, reports to the trade and commerce department that he considers it hopeless for Canada, under existing conditions, even with protective tariff of 30 per cent. and 3,000 miles of freight charges in her favor, to compete against British woollen manufacturers. Canada may have a fighting chance in the cheaper grade.

The Portland Exhibit.

The minister of agriculture is favorably disposed towards making an exhibit of Canadian products at the Lewis and Clark exposition in Portland, Ore., next year. If the invitation is accepted the Canadian display will emphasize the particular lines that would most effectively advertise Canada throughout the Western States.

SNOWSTORM RAGING.

Steamers Are Delayed at New York—Reports From Maryland.

New York, Dec. 12.—A snowstorm accompanied by a high wind descended upon New York early to-day and still continues. Nearly two inches has fallen. Traffic in the city has not been seriously impeded, but craft of all kinds have been delayed.

Heavy Snowfall.

Hoosac Falls, Dec. 12.—Traffic is greatly impeled by to-day's snowstorm. The mercury has ranged from 5 to 15 degrees below zero.

Baltimore, Dec. 12.—Nine and a half inches of snow fell here between midnight and 8 o'clock to-night. At a late hour to-night the weather bureau officials report the mean velocity of the wind to be 20 miles an hour. Reports from the towns in the state say from six to nine inches of snow fell during the day.

IS GOING TO FACE HER CREDITORS

MRS. CHADWICK HAS GONE TO CLEVELAND

Will Tell Story of Case When All Her Obligations Are Settled and Paid.

New York, Dec. 12.—Mrs. Chadwick was overwhelmed by the developments of her case in Cleveland to-day, and the statement was made by one close friend that she would probably give up the fight here and return to Cleveland tomorrow night in the custody of United States officers. She did not anticipate the double indictment which was found against her by the Cuyahoga county grand jury after the failure of the Lorain county grand jury to find a probable cause of action. Mrs. Chadwick is of the opinion that if she must face the charges she will be far better off in her home city of Cleveland than in New York.

Philip Carpenter, her counsel, when questioned to-night on the matter, said: "I think it possible that Mrs. Chadwick may go to Cleveland to-morrow or Wednesday." He refused to discuss the indictment found against his client in Cuyahoga county. He simply said: "Mrs Chadwick is not fearful of the result. She is entirely innocent of any crime."

Two Indictments.

Cleveland, Dec. 12.—Trouble for Mrs. Chadwick increased at a rapid rate today. She was twice indicted by the grand jury of Cuyahoga county, and her old-time friend, Ira Reynolds, took the stand in court and made evident his intention to shield and protect her no longer.

The formal indictments voted against Mrs. Chadwick were based on the Carnegie note for $250,000, which was made payable at the office of Andrew Carnegie in New York city, and the other upon the Carnegie note for $500,000, which was payable at the National Bank of Commerce in New York. Under each indictment are two counts, one charging forgery, the other uttering forged papers.

Mr. Reynolds, in detailing his transactions with Mrs. Chadwick, said: "In all my transactions with Mrs. Chadwick I believed from what she told me that Andrew Carnegie was backing her, and all her indebtedness would be paid.

The hearing was put over until Saturday for the presence of further witnesses. These, it is understood, are Mrs. Chadwick and her son, Emil. If they are not here then, the examination will be deferred still furtner.

Dr. Chadwick Interviewed.

Paris, Dec. 12.—Dr. Leroy S. Chadwick, of Cleveland, O., whose wife, Cassie Chadwick, is held a prisoner in New York, was interviewed to-day. Dr. Chadwick said: "I do not think it desirable to enter into details until I return to America, as there have been so many misstatements that I do not know just what are facts and what is fiction."

Asked concerning reports that Mrs. Chadwich is in reality Lydia Devere, he answered: "The first time that I ever heard the name of Madame Devere in this connection was when I saw it recently in the papers. Only once before had I ever heard the name of Devere. That was twenty years ago at a post mortem examination at which I assisted, on a woman of that name, who was said to have been a fortune teller. I only recall this from a peculiar surgical feature which the post mortem disclosed."

Dr. Chadwick mentioned this as clearly showing his lack of knowledge that his wife was Lydia Devere, but he declined to discuss further the circumstances of his marriage, saying it was purely personal.

New York, Dec. 13.—Mrs. Chadwick started for Cleveland on the Buffalo Limited, which left the Grand Central station over the New York Central railway at 8 o'clock to-night. Before leaving she made a statement in which she declared she would pay all her obligations, and that her sole purpose in going was to face her creditors. She said that she could have obtained bail here if she had wished to, and that one of the most prominent men in the country had offered to go on her bond.

Before leaving the United States marshal's office for the ride to the station, Mrs. Chadwick, at the suggestion of her counsel, Philip Carpenter, consented to be interviewed.

"Many statements that have appeared about me are absolutely false," she began. The history of this case from beginning to end will be soon published in a certain newspaper. I promised to give out my story, and I may take months to get it out. It may be, however, that it will be published to-morrow, next week or in a month; but certainly not until all my obligations are settled and paid."

"You will say nothing about your relations with Mr. Carnegie?" was asked.

"I am not here to answer questions. I have nothing to say about Mr. Carnegie and nothing to say about anyone else. I want to say emphatically that I have not been forced to go back to Cleveland. I delayed my return home because I thought it best to wait and see what the grand jury would do."

Receiver's Statement.

Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 13.—Herbert W. Bell, who was apointed receiver for Mrs. Chadwick by the Common Pleas court, created excitement here to-day when he announced that he had found the securities deposited with the Wade Park bank to aggregate $28,000,000, or nearly double the amount originally supposed. After going over the papers with County Prosecutor Keeler and the members of the jury, however, Mr. Bell altered his statement, saying that he had over estimated the amount by $10,246,000, the face of the trust agreement. There were two copies of this agreement among the papers, neither of them being marked as duplicates, and he had considered them as separate documents.

It was the opinion of both the receiver and prosecuting attorney that the second trust agreement was intended to be a copy and not a distinct asset in itself. The amount of securities is therefore the same as previously published.

BIG DEBT PAID OFF.

Dr. Dowie Has Sent Out Cheques For $140,000.

Chicago, Dec. 12.—Zion has paid the final installment on its big debt. Cheques were sent out to-day in payment of the final 40 per cent., approximately $140,000, of the original indebtedness of more than $400,000. One year ago a number of creditors of Zion City petitioned Judge Kohlsaat for the appointment of receivers for Zion, whose affairs then were gloomy. Mrs. Dowie was in Europe and reports had it that she had carried away with her vast sums of money. John Alexander Dowie was preparing for departure on January 1st for Australia and the continent. The creditors numbered 1,100 and the aggregate amount of their claims footed up $435,000. Judge Kohlsaat appointed receivers, who took charge of Zion. Dowie protested that he could pay the debt in a year if the receivers were removed. Then came the appointment of a committee of creditors, who concluded that Dr. Dowie was better fitted to conduct Zion than any other person. It was arranged he was to pay 10 per cent. in three months; 25 per cent. in six months; another 25 per cent. in nine months, and the balance of 40 per cent. in a year. The receivers were discharged. Dowie has paid one hundred cents on the dollar on every claim involved.

CONDITIONS IN MANITOBA.

Prominent Farmer Discusses Possibilities of Bringing Settlers to British Columbia.

As an instance of the result of local Tourist Association work in Manitoba an incident, which occurred this morning at the rooms, Fort street, is of some interest. A prominent farmer of that province, who is visiting the city, called upon Mr. Cuthbert and in the course of conversation expressed himself much pleased with Victoria. He had resided in Manitoba for 20 years, and, having rented his farm, intended to retire. This place pleased him exceedingly, and he had decided to take up his home here.

Speaking of this fall's crop, he stated that about 85 cents a bushel was received by the farmers. On his property it averaged 37½ bushels to the acre, and his total returns had been in the neighborhood of $3,000. He also informed Mr. Cuthbert that there were any number of farmers in the same position as himself. All they need was a little persuasion to be induced to make their homes in British Columbia.

DEPUTIES WRECKED HUNGARIAN HOUSE

SMASHED CHAIRS AND PRESIDENT'S PLATFORM

Attacked the Guards and Drove Them From Chamber—Opening Has Been Postponed.

Budapest, Dec. 13.—Violent as have been the scenes at past sessions of the Hungarian parliament they have been entirely overshadowed by the wreckage effected by members of the opposition party this morning in their successful efforts to prevent the opening of parliament. The deputies fought their way to the platform, tore it to pieces, scattered the debris over the house, tore to atoms the codes of law occupying the president's tables, smashed the tables and chairs, and destroyed the platform, and distributed the broken pieces among the deputies who, thus armed, attacked the guards and after a brief fight drove them from the house.

The desks were then torn down and the interior of the House was a practical wreck.

None of the Liberal members ventured inside the House, and the opposition members, after completing the ruin, established themselves on the site erstwhile occupied by the presidential rostrum.

Later it was announced that the sittings of both houses of parliament arranged for to-day had been postponed until to-morrow. The members of the opposition party then left the house under the leadership of Count Appony, the leader of the opposition, and Francis Kossuth.

At the Liberal meeting Premier Tisza announced that he intended to ask the public prosecutor to initiate proceedings against the leaders of the opposition, and added that in the event of further riotous proceedings of such a nature as those of today he would dissolve parliament.

MANY WOUNDED.

Republicans and Women in Conflict at Valencia—Gendarmes Fired Into Mob.

Madrid, Dec. 13.—During the feast of the Virgin at Valencia, a procession of 6,000 women, bearing lighted tapers to the cathedral, came in conflict with a Republican demonstration, and a general fight ensued. Gendarmes fired several rounds from their carbines into the mob. Many persons, including women, were wounded.

TOURING CUBA.

Havana, Dec. 13.—Sir W. C. Van Horne and party, who have returned from a tour through eastern Cuba, declare that the streets of Santiago, Puerto Principe, and other cities, are cleaner than those of cities in the United States of similar size.

SCARCITY OF MEN IN PORT ARTHUR

REVEALED BY DELAY IN GATHERING THE DEAD

Why Russians Have Failed to Take Advantage of Armistice Granted By Japanese.

London, Dec. 13.—A dispatch from Tokio to the Daily Mail says: "An officer who has returned from the army before Port Artnur says the delay observed in Russian preparations for gathering the dead during the armistices showed a scarcity of available men in the garrison."

RUSSIAN VESSELS OFF COAST OF AFRICA.

Lisbon, Dec. 13.—Twenty-one vessels of the Russian second Pacific squadron have arrived at Mossame Des, Portugese West Africa, bound eastward.

JAPS LOST HEAVILY BEFORE PORT ARTHUR.

London, Dec. 11.—The Daily Telegraph's correspondent before Port Arthur reports, under date of December 9th, that there were desperate encounters last week. The belligerents, the correspondent adds, mutually recognize the Red Cross, and collect the dead and wounded during temporary suspensions of fighting.

The Daily Telegraph's Tientsin correspondent learns from official Japanese sources that the Japanese casualties at Port Arthur the latter part of October were 3,000 killed and 10,000 wounded. The losses in more recent attacks, the correspondent adds, were much heavier. The same correspondent has heard that continual fighting is proceeding south of Mukden.

The correspondent at Shanghai of the Daily Telegraph in a dispatch dated December 11th says that, according to Pekin reports, the Russians have retreated to the south bank of the Hun river, after seventy-two hours' heavy fighting, with heavy losses. On the fourth day of the fighting, the correspondent says, the Japanese assumed the offensive. The Mukden station is reported to be in a wild state of confusion. The Daily Telegraph thinks the authenticity of the foregoing reports from Chinese sources of heavy fighting are very doubtful.

THERMOMETER BELOW ZERO IN MANCHURIA.

Gen. Kuroki's Headquarters in the Field, Dec. 11, via Fusan, Dec. 12.—The army has had its first taste of the real quality of a Manchurian winter the past week. Last night the thermometer fell 6 degrees below zero, Fahrenheit. The days are cold also, but sunshine and the absence of severe winds make life tolerable. The hills are covered with snow, which on the plain is one inch in depth. All streams are thickly frozen.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 14.—The general staff apparently is entirely satisfied with the military situation in Manchuria, being convinced that the Japanese have reached their high tide. A high official said to the Associated Press to-day:

"The Japanese army is unique in military history, and probably the strongest in the world, combining the strength of barbarism and civilization, drawing from the former fanatical bravery and scorn of death, and from the latter the latest knowledge of the science of war. We have been fighting under heavy handicaps, but have definitely stopped them. They have missed the psychological moment. They should now be at Harbin with Vladivostock and the eastern littoral cut off and de facto theirs, instead of wintering where they are.

"The cold is Russia's ally now, as it was against Napoleon. The Japanese cannot endure extreme cold like the Russians. They are not strong enough to attempt to turn Mukden now, and will not be, even if Port Arthur falls and 50,000 reinforcements are sent up to join Field Marshal Oyama.

"In the meantime Russian troops are piling up behind Mukden. In February the port of Newchwang is ice-bound. Gen. Kouropatkin will have close upon half a million men, disposed in three armies, amply sufficient to turn Oyama's position at the Shakhe river and force the Japanese back into Korea and the Laio Tung peninsula."

JAP CRUISERS WILL SEARCH FOR RUSSIANS.

London, Dec. 13.—The Shanghai correspondent of the London Post claims to have received good information to the effect that a Japanese squadron will soon start in search of the Russian Baltic fleet, with the intention of giving battle at a point far removed from Port Arthur. This move, the correspondent's informant states, has been made possible by recent additions to the Japanese fleet, which increases it to an exceptional grade of efficiency.

PART OF HILL STILL COVERED WITH DEAD.

Before Port Arthur, with the third Japanese army, via Fusan, Dec. 14.—The work of removing the dead from the slopes and crests of 203-Metre Hill has been completed on the north side. The south slopes are still covered with the bodies buried under the debris of trenches and bomb-proofs.

The long lines of Japanese dead laid out on the top of the hill and the slopes previous to interment presented an awful appearance. The effect of dynamite used as an offensive weapon in the form of hand grenades is instanced in an appalling manner. The dead bodies are torn and almost unrecognizable masses of flesh and bones. Fragments of hundreds of killed unearthed from the filled-in Russian trenches presented a scene of awful horror. The heavy timbers and steel plates of the bomb-proofs were torn to splinters by shells and dynamite.

SAYS PORT ARTHUR IS WELL PROVISIONED.

Chicago, Dec. 12.—The Chicago Daily News has a Hongkong dispatch from a staff correspondent to-day, which says:

"According to a leading capitalist of the China coast, who has financed many efforts to run the blockade to Port Arthur, it has been ascertained that the fortress is well provisioned, and, unless carried by assault, can hold out for three months. He estimates the garrison at 15,000. The main shortage, he says, is in big gun ammunition, but there is enough of all kinds to last for some time.

"Steamers of all kinds are in much demand on the China coast. They are being bought by both belligerents for hospital ships, transports and colliers. It is believed in Shanghai shipping circles that the Baltic fleet will make its base in the Pescadores islands, the only typhoon anchorage near Formosa. I am informed on excellent authority that the warships will be able to break their way through the ice to Vladivostock in case the fall of Port Arthur should take place before the arrival of the relieving fleet."

MORMON PENALTIES.

Witness at Smoot Investigation Tells of Oaths Taken By Those Participating in Temple Ceremonies.

(Associated Press.)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 13.—When the Smoot investigation was resumed today J. H. Wallis, a Mormon from Salt Lake, testified that he had joined the Mormon church in 1881 in London, and came to the United States in 1890, settling in Utah. Mr. Wallis said he had had three wives, but no more than one at a time. He knew Apostle George Teasdale and also Marion Scoles in London. She came to this country as an unmarried woman, and according to the witness is reputed to have been married to Teasdale in Utah. The witness said he never believed fully in the celestial marriages to the dead, and four times had stood as proxy for marriages of living women to dead men.

Explaining the marriages in the temple witness said it is necessary to make the endowment before marriage, and in this way he had passed through the endowment house twenty times at least.

Mr. Wallis was asked to give the oaths taken by those who participated in the temple ceremonies, and this he did, together with a description of the secret signs executed by each person. Nearly all of the obligations are that those who took part would not reveal anything they saw or heard upon penalties of mutilation of person, and every one who passed through the temple, said the witness, was compelled to agree to the conditions laid down by the priests.

The penalties agreed to were given by Mr. Wallis as follows:

"That the throat be cut from ear to ear and the tongue torn out.

"That the breast be cut asunder and the heart and vitals be torn from the body.

"That the body be cut asunder at the middle, and the bowels cut out.

"That if demanded we will give all we possess to the support of the church.

"The next obligation was one of chastity, in which the obligator agreed not to cohabit with any person not given him or her by the priests.

"Another obligation was one that we should never cease to importune high heaven to avenge the blood of the prophets upon the nations of the earth, or the inhabitants of the earth. I do not remember which," said the witness. "This was followed by a quotation from the Scriptures. I think Revelations 6-9, the souls of those slain cried aloud on the altars for vengeance."

George P. Bremball, president of the Brigham Young University, testified that he had two wives, married before 1890. Senator Smoot is a member of the university board, but was not present when witness was elected president. Senator Smoot frequently addressed students and always urged them to obey the laws.

GREENE COPPER COMPANY.

Col. W. C. Greene Denied He Has Lost Control.

(Associated Press.)

New York, Dec. 13.—During to-day's early slump in prices on the stock exchange and in the curb market it was reported that Col. W. C. Greene had lost control of the Greene Consolidated Copper Co. When this rumor was called to Col. Greene's attention at his office here he made the following statement denying that control of the company had passed:

"The control of the Greene Consolidated Copper rests with me and my friends, as it has from the time I took hold. To-day I own 252,000 shares out of a total of 864,000. Next to myself Edward H. Harriman is the largest individual holder of the Greene copper. To the best of my knowledge neither H. H. Rogers nor any of the Amalgamated Copper Co. interests have ever owned a single share of the Greene Copper. Together with my friends I control vastly more than a majority of the capital stock."

CANADA'S PREMIER.

Sir Wilfrid and Lady Laurier at Los Angeles, Cal.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 13.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Premier of Canada, has arrived here, accompanied by his wife and his private secretary.

"SAN TOY" MARRIED.

Denver, Colo., Dec. 13.—Miss Mina Rudolph, leading lady of the "San Toy" company, and Jefferson J. Graves, of Jameson, Cal., reputed a millionaire, have been married. The couple immediately left for California.

PREMIER ROSS WILL APPEAL TO COUNTRY

ONTARIO LEGISLATURE HAS BEEN DISSOLVED

Elections to Take Place January 25th—The New Mayors in the Territories.

(Associated Press.)

Toronto, Dec. 13.—The Ontario legislature has been dissolved. Nominations will take place on January 18th, and polling on January 25th.

Y. M. C. A. Meeting.

Toronto, Dec. 13.—The inter-provincial committee of the Y. M. C. A. of Ontario and Quebec met here on Thursday, and will discuss the formation of a Dominion organziation with headquarters in Montreal.

Will Build Jail.

Winnipeg, Dec. 13.—The government has decided to build a new jail here at a cost of two hundred thousand dollars.

Wheat Shipments.

Winnipeg, Dec. 13.—Less than a million bushels of wheat remain in store at Fort William at the close of navigation. The steamer Arabian got away yesterday, but the Neepawa may have to winter at the port.

New Mayors.

Winnipeg, Dec. 13.—Among the mayors elected in the Territories yesterday were: Regina, Laird; Calgary, Emeron; Medicine Hat, Forster; Moose Jaw, Holdsworth; Saskatoon, Isbester; Prince Albert, Cowan; Lacombe, Macleod; Maple Creek, Abbott.

Locked Out.

Toronto, Dec. 13.—The moulders employed by the W. & J. Greey Co. have been locked out owing to dispute as to working hours.

Another Fire.

Winnipeg, Dec. 13.—McDonald & Fleming's hardware store on Main street, between Market and James streets, is burning. It is right in the heart of the business district.

"DOWN WITH THE WAR."

The Proclamation Calling Demonstration at St. Petersburg Which Resulted in Riot.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 11.—Following is the text of the proclamation of the Social Democrat Labor party, calling today's demonstration:

"We have raised our voices calling for better things, but the government has turned a deaf ear to our cry. We to-day draw out a laborious existence, a condition worse than convicts, while they convert millions into smoke, and sacrifice thousands of workmen's lives under incompetent generals. We are shedding our blood for our torturers, while they are entering into a shameless bargain with wealthy landlords and Zemstovos. Enough. We cannot endue it longer. We must arise and boldly proclaim that we want an end of war and a government by representatives of the people.

"Long live the Social Democracy, down with the war, down with autocracy. All who are ready to fight for our demands assemble in front of Kazan cathedral at 1 o'clock."

An official statement issued to-night with reference to the rioting to-day says:

"During the confusion and jostling the demonstrators freely used cudgels, and the police were compelled to beat back with the flat of their swords. The rioting naturally was not suppressed without casualties, but none were serious."

The police have forbidden the assemblage of crowds on Tuesday, when another demonstration is threatened on the occasion of the opening of the trial of the murderer of the minister of the interior, Von Plehwe.

RESERVE WARSHIPS.

Admiralty Order Gives Details of Lord Selborne's Scheme.

London, Dec. 11.—The admiralty has issued a circular to all naval commanders explaining Lord Selborne's scheme, which becomes effective on January 1st, and detailing the organization of warships of the reserve. Each ship on the war list not in commission at sea will be kept commissioned in the reserve and have a neuclus crew composing the important officers and two-fifths of the war crew, including all experts in torpedo and gunnery ratings. The reserve ships will be distributed between three home ports and provision will be made for surplus crews in barracks to enable six battleships or first-class cruisers to be fully commissioned on emergency without dislocating the general mobilization arrangement.

FOR NEW ZEALAND.

Inspector Will Take Back Eggs of Eastern Whitefish and Salmon.

San Francisco, Dec. 13.—L. F. Ayson, commissioner and chief inspector of fisheries of New Zealand, has arrived here for the purpose of taking home with him eggs of the Eastern whitefish and salmon from this state with which to stock the streams and lakes of New Zealand.

ELECTROCUTED.

Auburn, N. Y., Dec. 13.—Nelson Bogginio, an Italian, who came here from Buffalo, walked to the chair of death in Auburn prison at 6.20 this morning and met his fate unflinchingly.